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Trail through town nears completion

► North portion of snowmobile trail is being built, south portion on hold

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

A snowmobile trail through the City of Grayling was almost ready for riders this winter, but came up about 300 feet short due to a right-of-way issue at the South I-75 Business Loop.

The through-town trail project has been in the works for several years, and this year some noticeable progress was made.

Lake State Railway decided to remove one set of railroad tracks in Grayling, leaving room for a snowmobile trail to be installed. Lake State removed the set of tracks late this summer.

In addition to creating a favorable location for the trail, the railroad track removal solved one of the major obstacles previously involved with the trail through town project: the need for a new bridge over the AuSable River.

The north part of the new trail will run from the Fred Bear Connector (near the Grayling Army Airfield) south to the Grayling Country Club along the one set of railroad tracks still in place. There is enough room on the existing bridge over the AuSable next to the one set of tracks for the snowmobile trail to cross the river, eliminating the need for another bridge.

The north portion of the trail is being constructed this fall by Tompkins Excavating of Grayling for the AuSable Valley Snowmobile Association (AVSA) at a cost of about \$12,000 to the association. It is expected to be open for snowmobile traffic this winter.

"It's getting close to being done," said AVSA President Rich Filley. "We anticipate seeing it done by December 1."

The trail segment currently being installed will run along the railroad tracks from the Grayling Army Airfield to Michigan Avenue. Snowmobilers will now be able to park at the end of Michigan Avenue and be within short walking distance of downtown businesses.

"This is closer to town than we were before, but it still doesn't get them through," said Lynn McConnell, President of the Grayling Chamber of Commerce. McConnell said she had hoped the new trail would be ready this year, but it just didn't quite work out.

The Chamber has been working on getting easements for the south part of the trail, which will run from the railroad tracks near the Grayling Country Club around the back of the Grayling Mini Mall and Grayling Holiday Inn to a trail just south of town.

At the Chamber's request, the City of Grayling agreed to sign for the land easements in October of this year.

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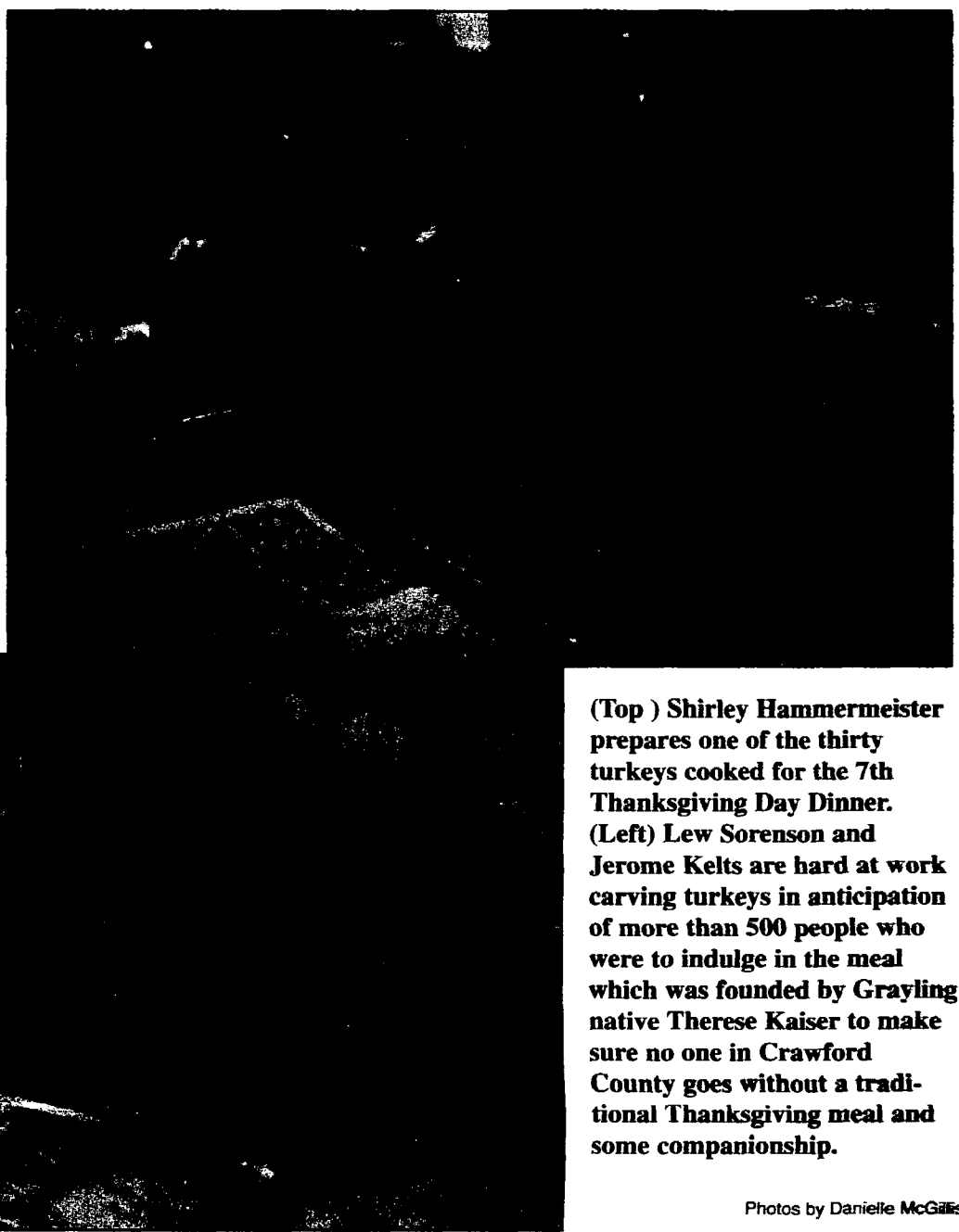
THANKSGIVING DAY DINNER SAID TO BE 'THE BEST EVER'

by Danielle McGillis
Staff Writer

Once again smiles and grins of appreciation were seen by volunteers on Thanksgiving Day while delivering over 250 dinners and serving more than 300 people at the Knights of Columbus Hall.

The volunteers were hard at work the day before and Shirley Hammermeister, a three-year veteran said they would have 30 turkeys prepared as well as dressing, gravy, mashed potatoes, corn casserole, green beans, sweet potatoes, cole slaw, cranberry sauce, relish trays, rolls, several types of pies and refreshments.

St. John Lutheran Church sponsors the event and a large portion of the money comes from donations. Volunteers are from area churches and the community. Joyce Sorenson, one of the original four to start the program, said, "Once you do it (volunteer), it's contagious, it just makes you feel so great afterwards."



(Top) Shirley Hammermeister prepares one of the thirty turkeys cooked for the 7th Thanksgiving Day Dinner. (Left) Lew Sorenson and Jerome Kelts are hard at work carving turkeys in anticipation of more than 500 people who were to indulge in the meal which was founded by Grayling native Therese Kaiser to make sure no one in Crawford County goes without a traditional Thanksgiving meal and some companionship.

Photos by Danielle McGillis

Local businesses welcomed early snow

► Snow may be melting, but hopeful sign of things to come in north

by Danielle McGillis
Staff Writer

After two years of barely any snowfall until Christmas, local business owners and operators say they are excited and looking forward to having a more profitable season, beginning in November.

Cindy Olson, director of the Grayling Recreation Authority said Hanson Hills' downhill skiing will begin on December 2 and many cross-country skiers have already been out. "Business is amazingly different this year. This early snowfall gets people thinking about skiing and the woods out here are beautiful."

Jerry Balmes, owner of Skyline agreed the snowfall is going to be good for business. "We have a great base already and that's going to carry us through our season. 'I don't think we had this much snow total last year. The last two seasons, we were barely ready to open on Christmas Eve.'"

According to the National Weather Service, located near Waters, approximately 31.2 inches of snow has fallen throughout the

month of November, leaving 12 inches of the white powder on the ground. Compared to this month last year, only a little over five inches had fallen, leaving no snow depth. Even in December, snow didn't fly until the middle of the month, dispersing a paltry eight inches of snow to carry residents and visitors through the holiday season.

In November 1998, totals were only slightly higher with a precipitation of 10.4 inches leaving again no snow depth with a warm spell wiping out what had fallen.

Rich Filley, president of the AuSable Valley Snowmobile Association and owner of Rich's Cycle Service predicts the early snowfall is going to be good for the local economy, as many businesses depend on it. "As far as the snowmobile season goes, technically with deer season still going, snowmobile season still isn't open. There have been a lot of snowmobilers up and down the trails though. This early snow could be a real advantage for Grayling, especially for motel owners who have suffered the last couple years."

Cathy McGuire, owner of the Cedar Motel said business has been better this week than any other week the last couple of years. McGuire reported she has lodged

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Trail group seeks second grant from state

► Funding sought for Phase II; Phase I expected to be built in summer of 2001

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

Last year, the Crawford County Multi-Use Trails Committee secured a \$594,000 enhancement grant from the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) to cover engineering and construction costs for new non-motorized trails within the county. This year, the committee is rewriting a grant application for Phase II of the trails project: connecting a trail network from Hanson Hills to Grayling High School to Hartwick Pines State Park.

The \$594,000 grant from MDOT secured last year provided money for engineering and construction of Phase I, a paved, non-motorized trail from Hanson Hills to the high school, and funds for design engineering of Phase II: extending the trail from GHS to Hartwick Pines.

The committee had hoped construction of Phase I would begin this year, but the project has been delayed. At this point, the project is expected to be let for bids in January or February of 2001, and construction should start some time during the summer.

From Hanson Hills, the trail for Phase I will run adjacent to Old

Lake Road in the form of extended paved shoulders. During the planning process, the Crawford County Road Commission and Grayling Township worked together on a plan to resurface Old Lake Road while the trail shoulder work was being completed.

The enhancement grant from MDOT could only be used for the paved shoulders (the pathway), and not fixing the condition of Old Lake Road. One half of the cost to reconstruct Old Lake Road will be covered by the Road Commission as part of its township allocation system, and Grayling Township will be responsible for the other half.

(The Road Commission imple-

mented the allocation policy in September of 1999. The policy designates a certain amount of money to each township for local road projects based on a formula of township population and miles of road. Under the policy, the township must match the Road Commission's contribution toward any project.)

Grayling Township approved a special assessment for residents of the Old Lake Road area to pay for half of its share of the resurfacing project. The Old Lake Road project is expected to be let for bids in February, and construction should start next summer.

From Old Lake Road, the trail will connect to an already existing

path that ends just short of the James Street/M-72 West/M-93 intersection.

MDOT's current plans for routing trail users across the tricky James Street/M-72 West intersection involve a crossing over James Street to the Clark Station, a crossing from the Clark Station across Lake Street to the east side of M-93, and a crossing that goes from the east side of M-93 to the west side of the highway. MDOT plans to close off the east northbound travel lane of M-93 from the intersection to North Down River Road to make more room for the trail.

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Road Board approves Shelter lease

► Animal Shelter property lease renewed for two years by Road Commission

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

At the request of Crawford County, the Road Commission Board has agreed to a two-year lease (for \$1 per year) with the county for the property on which the Crawford County Animal Shelter now stands. The property is

owned by the Road Commission and the county owns the building.

The previous lease for the property expired about two years ago. At the time, efforts were being made to find a new location for the Animal Shelter. Road Commission Board members told Shelter Director Dixie Lobsinger that the Road Commission had no immediate plans for the property, and they had no intention of forcing the Shelter to move.

The current Road Board and Road Commission management have maintained the previous board's stance, allowing the Shelter to operate at the site until a new

building is constructed at a different location.

"It doesn't bother us being there," said Road Commission Managing Director Don Babcock. "We don't need (the property)."

The Road Board received word from the county last Thursday indicating that the county was interested in renewing the lease for the property on which the shelter now sits, since arrangements for a new shelter have not been completed.

The Road Commissioners voted 3-0 to approve a two-year lease with the county, pending approval of the lease language by the Road Commission's legal counsel.

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Timber bridge finished in time for winter

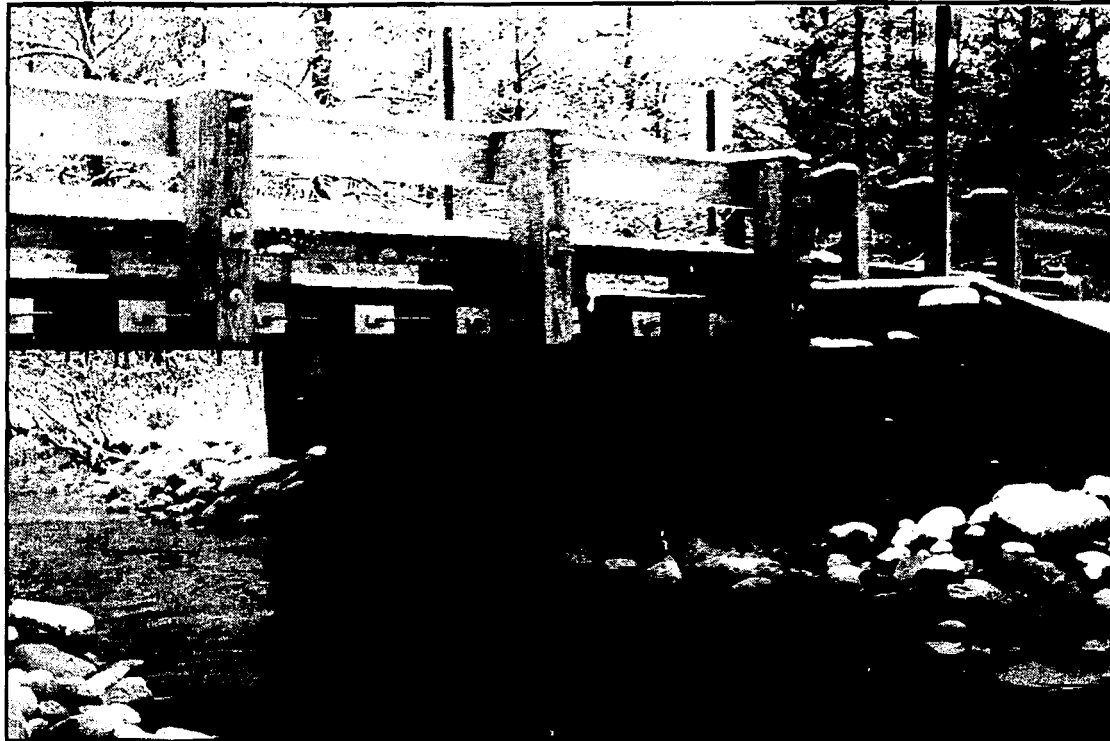
► Structure near Hartwick Pines on Lewiston Grade Rd. now open to traffic

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

A bridge located on Lewiston Grade Road near Hartwick Pines, used heavily in the winter by snowmobilers, was replaced this fall with a timber bridge by the Crawford County Road Commission. The new bridge was paved over just before the snow hit earlier this month, and is currently open to traffic.

The Road Commission subcontracted the lower bridge work to Kal Excavating, and local Road Commission crews constructed the top. Materials were provided on site by Woodstock of West Branch.

The Road Commission secured funding for the structure from several sources: \$35,000 from the U.S. Forest Service, \$10,000 from a Northern Michigan Stream Crossing Grant, \$16,000 from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Forest



Photos by Caleb Casey

This timber bridge over the East Branch of the AuSable River on Lewiston Grade Road was completed just before the recent snowfalls. The bridge, located not far from Hartwick Pines State Park, is used mainly as a snowmobile route in the winter.

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The Lewiston Grade Road timber bridge, a three-ton capacity structure, was recently paved by the Crawford County Road Commission.

Management Division, and \$15,000 from the DNR Parks Division.

The project was eligible for Forest Management money since the bridge will be part of a snowmobile trail, and Parks Division money was available since the bridge was con-

structed within Hartwick Pines State Park property. The Road Commission provided about \$49,000 to the project.

U.S. Forest Service and Michigan Stream Crossing funds were available through the Huron Pines

Resource Conservation & Development Area Council (RC&D), a local, non-profit conservation organization.

RC&D has been a big supporter of timber bridges, and due in part to its efforts locally, Crawford County now has several of the wood crossings where less aesthetic and less erosion-friendly bridges once existed.

With the past few timber bridge projects, much of the work, especially involving preparation of materials, has been done out of state, said Dan Sikarskie of RC&D. With the timber bridge at Lewiston Grade Road, the work was done by northern Michigan companies: Woodstock treated and fabricated the material. Northwest Design Group engineered the structure. Kal Excavating did part of the bridge work, and workers from the Crawford County Road Commission finished the bridge.

One of RC&D's goals with regard to timber bridge projects is to have as much of the work as possible

done locally, Sikarskie said. "That's what we've been encouraging. (The wood) is red pine. It's locally grown and treated, fabricated locally, and put in with the local Road Commission crews. This project has shown that we can use local timber, local labor, and we can have a good product right here," he said.

"Wood is aesthetically pleasing. It's safe, and should be something that's very compatible with our cool water streams," Sikarskie said. "It should also be aesthetically pleasing for snowmobilers and other recreationalists. It should fit in nicely."

Sikarskie noted that current and past Road Commission Boards have been supportive of RC&D's timber bridge-building efforts.

"People (from the Road Commission) have been very gracious to work with," Sikarskie said. "They've been willing to step out and try new things, to innovate. We have more timber bridges than almost any of the other counties. They have been really good promoters of the timber bridge initiative."

Bradstreet asks House to reconsider CCW law

State Rep. Ken Bradstreet is working to have the House reconsider measures that will protect the lives of Michigan families.

"The concealed weapons permit system we proposed at the beginning of the 1999-2000 session isn't just about gun rights, it's about saving

lives," said Bradstreet (R-Gaylord). "The only serious study on the effects of allowing law-abiding citizens to carry guns found that crime is reduced."

If every state adopted similar measures allowing uniform standards, about 1,500 innocent lives could be

saved, according to John Loti Jr.'s report titled, "More Guns. Less Crime."

The legislative measure before the state House would reform the weapons permit system and increase safety by:

- Requiring a training course to receive a permit;
- Increasing prison sentences for those using firearms in crime, including stiffer penalties for permit holders who break the law;
- Standardizing the permit procedure while giving county gun boards discretion to deny permits for specific reasons such as history of violent crimes or mental illness; and
- Developing an appeals process for denied applicants.

The House approved the CCW

package last year, and the Senate followed suit with some changes.

"Study after study has proven that an armed citizenry prevents violent crime," Bradstreet said. "These bills would allow people who are properly trained, mentally stable and without a criminal record the opportunity to exercise their Second Amendment right, and to protect themselves and their families."

"We have until the end of December to provide this safety measure to Michigan families without starting over, and I hope enough of my colleagues agree with me to reconsider it."

If the House approves the measures during November or December, the package would then go to the governor for consideration.

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Cleanup efforts continue at Bear Archery dump sites

by Danielle McGillis
Staff Writer

The Fred Bear Archery known to Grayling as a historic monument has not only left behind its legacy but some possible environmental threats.

Bear Archery manufactured hunting bows and arrows in Grayling from the 1950's to the early 1980's. The main factory was located on M-72 near the western city limits of Grayling, located on the "stump pond" of the mainstream of the AuSable River. Much of the original factory building has been demolished, and Classic Container now owns the property and is operating a business out of a portion of the remaining buildings.

Bear Archery factory wastes were said to include benzene, polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons, acetone thinners, resins, fiberglass and paints. Interviews with former employees and waste hauling contractors indicate that wastes were dumped on Bear Archery property adjacent to the stump pond about a

quarter mile southwest of the factory.

In addition to the factory property, it was reported that factory wastes were dumped in a 'landfill' at the northeast intersection of North Down River and Stephan Bridge Roads and on M-72 West near the AuSable River. In addition, wastes were allegedly dumped on M-72 West near Lake Margrethe, on M-72 East several miles from town and behind the Jack Milliken, Inc. building in Grayling.

According to Steve Takacs, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Official, from the Environmental Response Division, testing in November 1998 of the proposed location on M-72 West showed that no contamination is evident, there are only low levels of contamination downtown and more work needs to be done on M-72 East.

The Environmental Response Division's Superfund Pre-Remedial Unit conducted a study as well in November 1998 of the proposed

'landfill' on North Down River Road and Stephan Bridge Road and found high levels of contaminants there. Numerous soil, groundwater, sediment and surface water samples were obtained and analyzed for various parameters.

According to some of the soil sample results from November that have been received, benzene was detected in the soil at 240 parts per billion (ppb), which is 2.4 times the drinking water protection criteria. Toluene was detected at 49,000ppb, which is three times the drinking water protection criteria, and xylenes were detected at 108,000 ppb, which is 19 times the drinking water protection criteria.

According to the Environmental Protection Agency and The Assembly Office of Research, exposure to benzene may cause nonlymphocytic leukemia and other blood disorders, such as preleukemia and aplastic anemia. Additionally, changes in blood and bone marrow consistent with hematotoxicity have been recognized in humans and

experimental animals exposed to benzene. Toluene may cause irritation to the eyes and also may affect the respiratory system. xylenes are a suspected mucous membrane irritant that may cause lung congestion and impairment of kidney functions.

Takacs indicated the groundwater is contaminated in that area and DEQ officials will soon be installing more monitoring wells. Takacs also said they will be testing the water downgradient on the south side of the landfill. It is evident that the contamination has moved several hundred feet on to private property. The District Health Department was notified and has tested 16 of the 34 residential wells, with indications thus far they are not affected.

According to Takacs, over \$100,000 has been expended thus far to monitor the North Down River Road area and complete remediation of the area could cost millions.

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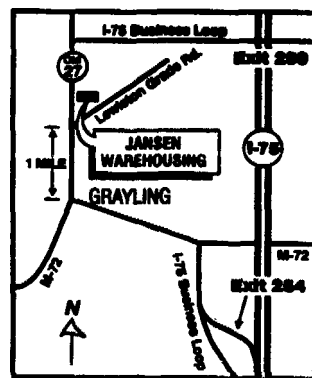


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The Chamber has secured funding (from the Grayling Area Visitors Council and other donors) for a required six-foot chain link fence to be installed in between the railroad tracks and the snowmobile trail from the County Building to the Grayling Country Club.

Despite the progress made this year, the trail in its entirety will not be ready for this winter. The problem now is that in the middle of the trail, near the Grayling Country Club and truck turn-around, the proposed area for the trail is too close to the road.

The Chamber applied for a right-of-way permit for the 300 feet in

question through the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), but it was not approved. The Chamber made a second appeal, but recently received word that MDOT denied that request as well.

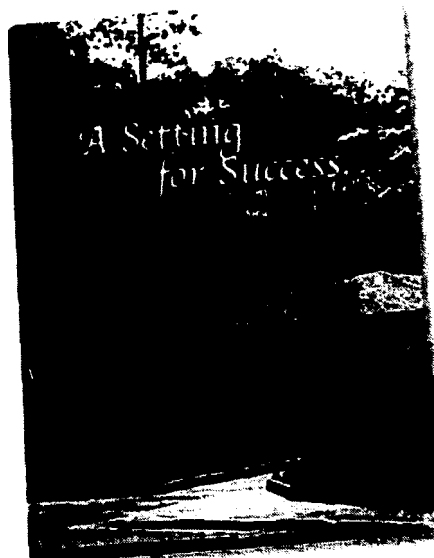
Without the right-of-way permit, or a change of plans at the problem site, the trail can not proceed through the middle of the city. As a result, the AVSA will stop construction of the south part of the trail (for this year, at least) at Michigan Avenue, and only that portion of the trail through town will be ready for this winter.

The Chamber's Transportation Committee is working on a couple

potential solutions to the right-of-way problem, McConnell said.

If the issue is resolved, the trail will continue from Michigan Avenue along the tracks, proceed in front of the Country Club, then go behind the Mini Mall out to a snowmobile trail south of the Grayling Holiday Inn, completing the through-town circuit. Keeping the trail behind the Mini Mall should keep the snowmobilers away from the heavy traffic of the South I-75 Business Loop.

"We wanted to keep the snowmobilers out of traffic," said McConnell. "We thought that was the safest route."



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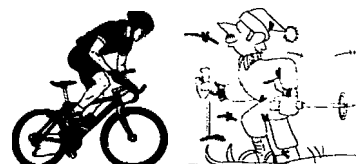
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A pathway will also run parallel to M-93 from the intersection at James Street all the way out to the high school on the west side of the road. Plans call for a crossing just before North Down River Road to move trail users from the east side (of M-93) path to the west side trail, which will keep the network going to Grayling High School with a single path.

The final plans for Phase I construction have not yet been approved by MDOT, but have been completed.

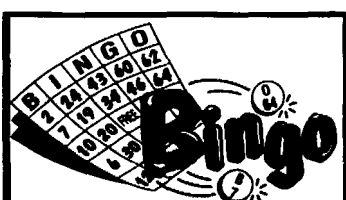
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one snowmobiler, a couple skiers and of course many hunters. Other local motel owners agreed that business is up and the early snow gets everyone thinking and in the mood for winter.

Judy Craft, owner of the North Country Lodge said she has had numerous phone calls for reservations already. "The hunters also stayed longer this year than in other years, I don't know if it was from all the snow or the time of the week when opening day fell. I know that early snow will greatly improve our bottom line though."

Over the weekend, much of the new snow was destroyed by rain-fall, however the National Weather Service predicts that the remainder of the week will be filled with snow flurries until Sunday when it clears up.



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by Richard Milliman

Why did Florida vote get messy? It was destiny

IF YOU CAN stand back a bit and take an objective look at the election mess in Florida and how it happened, it's easier to understand how it got that way.

The facts are that Vice President Al Gore received more votes across the country than did Gov. George Bush, and his backers think he should be president.

The facts are that the popular vote is not how the election is decided, according to the U.S. Constitution, and that if Mr. Bush wins Florida, the final election day tally shows he did, then Mr. Bush has more electoral votes than Mr. Gore and the law says he should be president.

But the vote was close in Florida, just as the popular vote was across the country.

If enough mistakes in counting or reporting Florida votes can be uncovered, then Mr. Gore might turn out to be president after all.

That's why all the commotion has taken place -- and those are very simple and understandable reasons.

THERE'S A LOT at stake here. It's the last ditch. Nobody can fault either candidate for pursuing every possible angle to finally win the Florida election and the 25 electoral votes that go with it -- and the pres-

idency.

Mr. Gore obviously feels an obligation to the 48-plus million voters who voted for him across the country -- more than voted for Mr. Bush.

And Mr. Bush also obviously feels an obligation to the 48-plus million voters who wanted him -- not quite as many as voted for Mr. Gore, but almost a plurality.

Another fact is that more people didn't want Mr. Gore for president than wanted him, just as more people didn't want Mr. Bush than wanted him. The balance of majority rested with the third-party candidates, and their few hundred votes.

But then the lawyer and politician invasion of Florida began, and all the rules of decorum and many usual rules of law have gone out the window.

Mr. Bush's strategy seems to be to delay everything possible to maintain the initial count of votes (which he won), or the first statewide machine recount (which he also won), or any subsequent partial recount (which he also has won). It's a defensive strategy. Sooner or later, time will run out and Mr. Bush will win.

Mr. Gore's strategy seems to be to force as many recounts as possible in big Democratic counties, to find as many pro-

Gore votes as possible, no matter where or how, and to throw out as many pro-Bush votes as possible. It's an offensive strategy. Sooner or later, if he challenges long enough and deep enough in pro-Gore counties, he will eke out enough Gore votes to win.

Either strategy could work -- if there are enough friendly judges to side with one candidate or the other.

IN THE MEANTIME, voters across the country grow more restless, and voters in Florida grow more testy.

The rancor between the hardliners on both sides is frightening and keeps growing.

Some headline Gore backers accuse Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, the candidate's brother, of rigging the Florida election in the first place for his brother. Gov. Jeb's stable of partisan state and local elections officials are hiding Gore votes, throwing them out, and otherwise stealing the election.

Some headline Bush backers claim the Gore team had this all strategized in advance, to incite anger over the famous "butterfly ballot," stir up racial and ethnic trouble, scare unwary voters that their votes are being thrown out, demand recount after recount with their own partisan local elec-

tion workers bending rules to find new Gore votes and eliminate Bush votes, and otherwise to steal the election.

There's scant middle ground of objectivity or common sense.

BUT THE LAW is the law, and should be observed.

What is paramount and should control is what the voter did, and not what the voter intended. Who can read a voter's mind after the fact?

For example, the Palm Beach "butterfly ballot" was well publicized in advance. It was published widely in newspapers, and mailed to voter homes. Every voter should have known what it looked like and how it worked. There should have been no confusion or surprise on election day.

In all the years I've voted in Michigan, the message to the voter has been clear:

Put your X in the box, not a check mark or anything else but an X. Keep the X inside the box. Push the chad all the way through; if it isn't all the way through, it's not a valid ballot. Vote for not more than one candidate in a race, unless there are two or more choices to be made. You can't vote for more than one candidate if there's only one job to be filled. If you have questions,

ask for help.

Those are very simple -- yet important -- rules.

How can any inspector, weeks after the election, decide what a voter intended to do if he/she only dimpled the chad, but didn't push it through? Did the voter simply change his/her mind? What if a voter pushed two holes? How can anyone know for certain which candidate he/she really wanted?

That's where subjectivity comes in, and that shouldn't count.

Controlling should be what the voter did, and not what an election worker decides the voter may have intended to do, even if you think you could figure it out.

"Sorry, officer, but I didn't intend to shoot that guy I only meant to scare him. I didn't intend to make two holes in him ... only one. The hole in the chest shouldn't count only the hole in the leg should count."

Intent should not rule the day.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

EDITOR

Let Dixie keep doing what she does best

To the editor,

Ever since I was five years old, I have known that I wanted to be a veterinarian. Growing up living a block away from the animal shelter was a great advantage to me. As soon as the training wheels came off my two-wheel bike, I would ride my bike down to the animal shelter to bother Dixie. I could not wait until I turned 12 so I could volunteer my time at the animal shelter.

For the last six years, I have spent my entire summer, and everyday I didn't have school or work, at the animal shelter. I would not trade those six years with Dixie and the animal shelter for anything. There are not very many things that I have not seen or heard when it comes to animals in this county.

For a while, some people have been putting their noses where they don't belong. These people are trying to boss someone around who knows more about animals than any-

one I have ever met. I have learned so much from Dixie.

One of the toughest things you have to deal with at the animal shelter is putting animals to sleep. This is a very hard job to do. Making a decision is very difficult on you for many reasons. You have to take care of these animals; you love them and get attached and then, just because space runs out, you have to make a decision on who goes and who stays. This is the hardest thing any person has to do... to look into a dog's eyes and choose him or her.

All the dogs know what is going on. Just imagine what is running through their minds. All they ever asked for was food and water, and a little love. It gets really hard when you are really attached. Try telling a dog or cat you have taken care of for months that it is now their time to go.

The only thing that hurts me as much as choosing what dogs or cats

to put to sleep, and having to help put them to sleep, is watching Dixie be hurt. When she cries, I cry. Since these people have intruded in her business, I have seen her get hurt many times. How can people, who have no clue what goes on behind the doors of the animal shelter, try to tell a woman who has been taking care of animals her whole life, how to do her job? That's kind of like a child walking into a doctor's office and telling the doctor how to take care of his patients. Maybe, one day, they should come help us put animals to sleep, instead of sitting at a picnic table watching us haul bodies in and out as they did a couple of months ago. That is just part of the job description.

If they think they can just replace such an amazing woman as Dixie, they are crazy. No person in his or her right mind could believe they could do what she does. If they only knew some of the questions she has

to answer and all she has to deal with.

Animals are amazing; they have a gift... they see inside people. They know when people are scared or if a person is kind. I have not met a dog yet that dislikes Dixie. That should tell you something. Everyone who thinks all you do at the shelter is pet animals forgets that, along with affection, animals need food and water... not to mention being their own personal pooper scooper. All my pooper scooper experience and the knowledge I have gained by volunteering at the shelter will help me in my quest to become a veterinarian.

I have been accepted into Michigan State University's pre-veterinary medicine program and will leave this summer. I know what Dixie has taught me will be invaluable to me the rest of my life.

Mika Sumner
Grayling

Dixie does 'an excellent job under terrible circumstances'

To the editor,

What a shame to lose a dedicated person like Dixie Lobsinger. She has poured her heart and soul into taking care of all the unfortunate animals that passed through that shelter.

When there was no money available, she took it out of her pocket. She managed to rally many volunteers to help and many donations are the direct result of her tireless efforts. She does an excellent job in

terrible circumstances.

I think it would be only fair to ask Mr. Porter and the other members of the board to give a helping hand on days when dogs and cats have to be euthanized. It's a job I wouldn't want to do.

And, by the way, why should she have to ask someone to write a check to cover expenses? She raised that money and certainly has more expertise in the day to day operations.

Once again, I think the County is ripping us off. Things were going quite well without a bunch of busy-bodies deciding what is best in a situation they don't even have a "hands-on" with.

I would dearly love to see that board around when animals are left tied to trees and have been starved to death... or, when they're locked up in abandoned dwellings... or, when they can't drag themselves out of harm's way because some jerk abused them. How about spending your precious time raking the yard around the dog houses and helping take care of the waste? How about making sure they have water when it's 20° below zero?

Oh, by the way, when there are abused and abandoned farm animals, would it be all right if they spent a couple of weeks in your yard? Dixie has always found a safe place for them, too.

Put the control and money back

where it belongs... in the hands of the expert! If you think after Dixie leaves you'll find the same cooperation, then you had better wake up and smell the road apples.

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Grayling

Christmas Walk a great success

To the editor,
Congratulations, Grayling! The Christmas Walk was a great success and a wonderful example of the community working together. From elementary students designing the luminaries, the Habitat for

Humanity bake sale, the Living Nativity, reindeer, Santa and all the organizations in between. Great job, Grayling. Be proud of yourself.

James & Donna Carmean
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VIEWPOINT

by Cindy Debnick, RN

Hospice of Michigan offers comfort at the end of life

► November is National Hospice Month

How do you want to live out your final days? How do you envision the end of life for your loved ones?

It's not something that most of us want to think about. But if we turn away from these difficult questions, we may miss the opportunity to make important decisions about the quality of care we, or our family members, receive at life's end. A recent Gallup Poll found that 90 percent of Americans would want to die at home surrounded by their loved ones. Yet this is a reality for only 20 percent of us. Most people die in a hospital, often in discomfort and connected to life-prolonging machines.

There is another way. For more than 15 years, Hospice of Michigan has been serving the Gaylord and Roscommon communities by providing comprehensive comfort care to people with a terminal illness and support to their loved ones. Our mission is to ensure quality of life and a comfortable, peaceful death to all those who need and seek our care, regardless of their age, diagnosis or ability to pay.

The goal of hospice is to provide pain and symptom management when cure is no longer a possibility, so that the person can spend the remainder of his or her days in dignity at home or a home-like setting. We provide a team that creates a plan of care for each individual and we help family members care for the patient.

We have found that with this comprehensive support, patients and families begin to turn their focus from the illness to the person who is ill and to his or her needs. This time can be very rich with reunion and reconciliation, a time of intense closeness, growth and meaning.

Here are some of the choices you have regarding end-of-life care: You have the choice to learn about hospice care. You should know that

hospice care is a covered benefit under Medicare, Medicaid and most insurance companies. Because Hospice of Michigan is committed to serving all patients who need our care, we have patients who do not have insurance coverage or who require expensive treatment for pain. Donations from generous individuals and organizations help cover our costs that are not covered by insurance.

You have the right to put your choices for end-of-life care in writing and to choose someone who will voice your wishes, if you are not able to do so. The Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care Form, on which you can formally document your end-of-life care choices, is available from Hospice of Michigan and through most doctors or attorneys. You can download and print out the form from our web site, at www.hom.org/directives.html.

You have a choice of helping Hospice of Michigan as a volunteer. Volunteers play a significant role in the hospice care team. We have more than 60 volunteers in the Northern Michigan area who help us in a variety of ways - from visiting with patients and giving their family caregiver a break, to doing clerical work in our office.

Since November is National Hospice Month, now is a good time to think about your choices so that you can plan ahead for end-of-life care. When you need us, we will be here for you.

Hospice of Michigan's Northern region serves Otsego, Roscommon, Crawford, Oscoda, Kalkaska, Antrim, Montmorency, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, and Emmet counties. For more information about services, call (517) 732-2151 or 800-449-5560, or explore the web site, www.hom.org. For information about volunteer training, ask for Mary Weitzel.

Cindy Debnick, RN, is the clinical coordinator for Hospice of Michigan's Gaylord and Roscommon offices.

The opinions expressed in the letters and columns on this page are solely those of the writer and do not necessarily reflect the views and opinions of

The Crawford County Avalanche.

BRIEFS

Musical 42nd Street opens this week

The GHS Players production of Broadway musical *42nd Street* will open November 30 in the Joseph Stripe Auditorium at Grayling High School. The musical runs three nights, through December 2; showtime is 7 p.m. each evening. Tickets are \$4 for students and senior citizens; \$5 for adults, and are available at Riverland Gear on Michigan Avenue in Grayling and at the door. *42nd Street* features music, dancing, romance and laughter.

Michelson hosts all-you-can-eat lunch

A soup, sandwich, salad and dessert luncheon will be served at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church on Thursday, December 7 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. All you can eat for \$4.50 per person. Everyone is welcome and take outs will be available. The church is located on Michigan Avenue in Grayling.

Depression support group to meet

Every Wednesday at 7 p.m. a Depression Support Group meets at Grayling Mercy Hospital in the building at the rear of Mercy Manor. This is a newly formed support group looking for ideas and input, and carrying the message there is light at the end of the tunnel that depression sufferers experience. The group encourages those who are depressed or who are in the process of recovering from depression to join them and "come through the door" for support. The group is affiliated with the National Depressive and Manic Association. For more information, contact Barb at 348-8942. Please leave a message if there is no answer. Participants must be 18 of age to participate in the support group.

Free aviation education class offered

A free aviation education class and private pilot ground school, offered by Bird's Eye Aviation, will begin November 27 at Grayling High School. Classes will be held Mondays and Wednesdays from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Books and class materials are the responsibility of each student. For more information, log on to www.BirdsEyeAviation.com. To register or for more information call (517) 344-2376 or e-mail: Coe@BirdsEyeAviation.com.

Riders in the Sky to perform at Kirtland

America's favorite cowboys, Riders in the Sky, will be performing their "Holiday Spectacular" concert at Kirtland Center for the Performing Arts on Saturday, December 2 at 8 p.m. If you're a fan of the Old West, good comedy, stellar harmony or "mighty fine" family entertainment -- of if you simply have a pulse -- and you haven't heard of Riders in the Sky, you won't believe what you've been missing. For tickets and information, call the Kirtland Ticket Office at (517) 275-6777.

Financial aid information night planned

Is college in your child's future? Grayling High School will present an evening of financial aid information for parents and students on Tuesday, December 5 at 7 p.m. in the school's Media Center. The evening is sponsored by the Grayling High School Counseling Office and Diane Fleming of Central Michigan University's Financial Aid Office. will be the presenter.

Retired federal employees to meet

The local chapter of the National Association for Retired Federal Employees (NARFE), Chapter 2305, will meet Thursday, December 7 at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church in Grayling. Lunch will be at 11:30 a.m., with business meeting starting at about 12:15 p.m. For more information about NARFE, call Rudy Martinez at (517) 348-5326.

Bake sale/gift wrap fund-raiser planned

A youth bake sale and gift wrapping fund-raiser will take place Saturday, December 2, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., in the Grayling Mini-Mall. All proceeds will go toward sending area youth to "Centrifuge" at Bambi Lake Baptist Camp next summer.

Gaylord site of sports collectible show

A Christmas Sports Collectible show will be held at the Gaylord Holiday Inn on Sunday, December 3 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cards, collectibles, and beanie babies will be available. For more information, call Steve Kowal at (248) 543-9810.

Parents, fans invited to 'Meet the Team Night'

Parents, relatives, friends and neighbors of Grayling Middle and High School athletic team members will get a chance this Friday night, December 1, to get acquainted with the teams and coaches.

Introduced on Friday will be 7th and 8th Grade Boys' Basketball Teams; Freshman, Junior Varsity and Varsity Boys' Basketball Teams; Middle School Cheerleaders; Junior Varsity and Varsity Cheerleaders; Freshman, Junior Varsity, and Girls' Varsity Volleyball Teams.

Meet the Team Night, held at Grayling High School, is a traditional precursor to the scheduled play each season. A meal for parents, players and fans will be served from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. followed by introductions and exhibition games. All

parents are encouraged to attend the parents' meeting scheduled from 7:15 p.m. to 7:35 p.m. that night.

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Chamber seeks nominees for Citizen of the Year, ATHENA

The Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce is accepting nominations for the ATHENA Award and "Citizen of the Year." The awards will be presented at the \$10,000 Chamber Challenge Raffle at the Holiday Inn on January 20, 2001.

The ATHENA award is presented to an individual who has made a significant impact to women in reaching their full leadership potential. Other factors for consideration are: business accomplishments, community service (other memberships), achievements, awards and publications.

Brad Scheer of Scheer Motors of

Grayling will sponsor the ATHENA Award again this year.

The Citizen of the Year award is given to the individual who has made a significant contribution to our community in the past year. Additional information for consideration: special recognitions, projects, achievement, local and county participation, service organizations and charitable activities.

Nominating forms can be picked up at the Chamber of Commerce Office at 213 N. James Street. Completed forms must be returned to the Chamber office by 5 p.m. December 15, 2000.

Help Center aims to see no local family, child without a Christmas



The Crawford County Community Christian Help Center will be providing Christmas help for any Crawford County family who needs it.

Families interested in receiving help should go to the Center on these dates: December 18, 20, and 22 between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Those interested should sign up for help as soon as possible. The Help Center is located at 300 Huron Street (M72 East) in Grayling.

The Help Center will coordinate families for Adopt-A-Family, if more fortunate families, workplaces, clubs or school classes would like to provide Christmas for another local family. Call the Help Center at 348-6046 today for more information. All messages will be answered.

The Help Center will be serving clients by referral from all agencies, churches, individuals and walk-ins. Gift certificates for Christmas dinner "fixins," toys (from Toys for Tots

collections), oranges, candy, hats and mittens will be given out.

For the third Christmas season the Help Center is sponsoring Toys for Tots. Boxes for donations of new unwrapped toys are located at the following places through December 15:

AAA Insurance, Century 21 River Country Real Estate, Chemical Bank North, Citizens Bank, Coldwell Banker Cornell Realty, Glen's Market, Goodale's Bakery, The Icehouse Quilt Shop, Northern Concepts, Northland Area Federal Credit Union, North End Grocery, The Bloomin' Grape, Huntington Bank, Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church, Mt. Hope Lutheran Church, and North Central Area Union.

Speakers are available for any group that would like to learn more about this project and donations are welcome. Checks should be made payable to: CCCC Help Center, P.O. Box 1115, Grayling, MI 49738.

For more information on any program offered by the Help Center, call 348-6046.

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Hospitality plus creativity an interesting combination

by Danielle McGillis
Staff Writer

Two new businesses have recently opened, offering the public hospitality along with some creativity.

Carl and Norma Runyon, along with Karen Arbour, opened a newly reconditioned Travelers' Choice Motel on March 3, 1999. Arbour also owns Traveling Signs and Designs, recently opened on November 1.

The motel features seven double occupancy rooms with one additional kitchenette. All the rooms offer a refrigerator, color T.V. with built-in VCR, air conditioning and a microwave. "We are open year round and located close to skiing, golfing, lakes and snowmobile trails," said Norma Runyon. "We do everything we can to make our customers comfortable, and we have just had an absolutely great response from the public."

The trio offers weekly and nightly rates along with discounts for clubs or road crews that may be staying for a long period of time. "People that are here once, always come back," said Carl Runyon.

The Runyon's business partner, Karen Arbour, not only assists with providing hospitality, but offers unique graphic creations. Arbour's graphics business offers custom signs, logos and murals that can be applied to just about any item you can imagine. Arbour specializes in digital photo vinyl overlays and warranties them for six years. From detailing on cars to printing T-shirts, Arbour says "The possibilities are endless. I create bumper stickers, work with magnetic materials, business cards and have been in the business for over 20 years. My most recent mission has been to encour-

age business owners to get a jump on the area code change coming in January. Many commercial vehicles and business components will have to be updated."

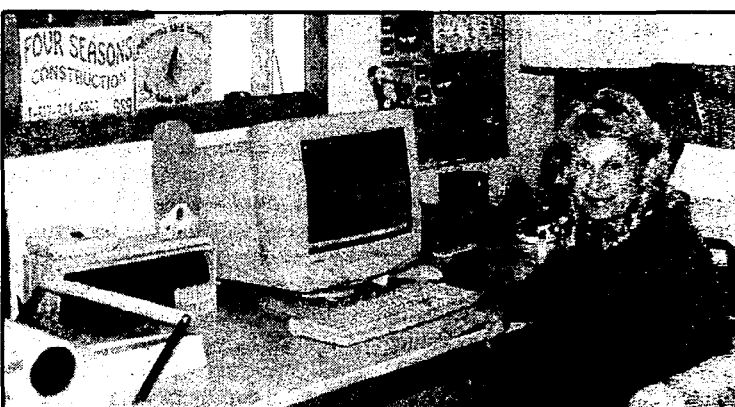
They all say they are very excited about their new business ventures and look forward to a rewarding future in their endeavors.

To contact the Travelers' Choice Motel, call (517) 275-0337 or toll free at 1-877-217-5566. You can also visit their web page at www.travelerschoice.qpg.com. Traveling Signs and Designs can be reached at (517) 275-2319 or toll free at 1-866-757-4468. Both businesses are located at 7852 S. Grayling Road, Grayling, and hours are flexible.

(Right) Norma and Carl Runyon along with Karen Arbour are the proud owners of the newly reconditioned Travelers' Choice Motel. (Below) Arbour, who has recently opened Traveling Signs and Designs, is ready to assist in any business advertising needs.



Photos by Danielle McGillis



SHERIFF'S REPORT

The Crawford County Sheriff Department handled the following 106 complaints the week of November 20-26:

One CSC/sexual assault, one larceny, one motor vehicle theft, six public peace/disorderly, one driving violations/DWLS etc., four health and safety (all ani-

mal control calls), four conservation, three delinquent minors, 39 traffic accidents, seven false alarm activations, one hazardous conditions, two civil matter disputes-family trouble, four suspicious situations, two lost and found property, and 30 general non-criminal.

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All-new digital cable is now available in Grayling, thanks to a significant upgrade made by Charter Communications, the area's cable provider. Digital cable delivers a higher resolution signal, more channels, and digital music channels.

In order to receive digital cable, current Charter customers in the Grayling area must get a new digital receiver. The upgrades will affect only those customers who have premium movie channels or Pay-Per-View Club. Cable service will remain unchanged for all other customers.

Local customers have two opportunities to exchange their boxes free of charge this Friday, December 1 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday, December 2 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Grayling American Legion, 106 South James Street. Customers who exchange can enter a raffle for a free 27" TV, as well as receive free Pay-Per-View coupons.

Those customers who currently do not have a cable box but who wish to upgrade to digital service can call Charter at 1-800-545-0994

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Representing the next generation in television, digital cable is the most advanced TV viewing available, with more than 100 audio and video channels presented in greater clarity than traditional cable reception. Digital cable also includes an on-screen Interactive Guide to help viewers decide program choices.

Commenting on the upgrade, Charter Communications northern Michigan General Manager Peter Quam said, "This is the first phase of what promises to be a very exciting upgrade to next generation digital cable TV."

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Crawford unemployment rate rises

With an overall look at the unemployment rate for the Northern Lower Peninsula, it has stayed the same since September, plateauing at 4.2 percent. However, in Crawford County the rate has risen. The unemployment rate for September was 4.1 percent and made a jump to 4.6 percent in October.

Over the month, wage and salary employment decreased by 2,900 jobs. The greatest monthly decline appeared in retail trade, as the summer tourism season continued to wind down. Non-professional private services has the second highest unemployment loss posted, as layoffs occurred at area resorts and amusement facilities.

Compared with a year ago, wage and salary employment has grown by 1,825 or 0.9 percentage points. Over the year job gains in local government were the largest, growing by 1,050 jobs or 3.6 percent.

October's unemployment rate compares unfavorably with both the Michigan rate of 3.1 percent and the national rate of 3.6 percent. The highest rate in the Northern Lower

Peninsula during October was recorded in Iosco County at 7.1 percent, while the lowest rate occurred in Leelanau County at 2.2 percent.

Crawford County is ranked at number 63 out of 83 for the lowest unemployment rate in the state.

Training director appointed for M-TEC

Scott A. Marble, of Beaverton, has been appointed Director of Customized Training and Community Education for Kirtland Community College.

Since 1994, Marble has served as the Director of Education and as Assistant Professor of Management and Marketing at Davenport University in Alma. He joined the Kirtland staff November 20.

Marble's primary duties include serving the college's partners in business and industry by identifying, developing, organizing and promoting customized training to meet the work force development needs required for economic development and expansion within Kirtland's district and the communities served by

the Michigan Technical Education Center (M-TEC). He will also be responsible for educational supervision and development of new programs, educational courses, workshops and seminars. He will work under the general supervision of Katherine Nemeth.

In commenting on the appointment, Nemeth said, "We're pleased to have Mr. Marble on board. He comes to us with extensive experience in business and industry and academics which is essential for this position and vital to the success of the customized training which will be developed at the M-TEC."

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The Copy Shop opens in Grayling

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

The Copy Shop, which has two locations in Traverse City, recently expanded by adding a third store in downtown Grayling.

"The name is 'The Copy Shop,' but we do a lot more than just copies," said Dan Rickard, owner of The Copy Shop. "Whenever anyone says, 'can you do this?' the answer is 'yes.' We service our customers. We go by what they need, not what we do. It's an ever-evolving business."

In addition to offering self-serve and full-serve copying and duplicating services, The Copy Shop does bindery, graphic design, banners, business cards, raised printing, invitations, mounting, laminating, display signs, custom calendars, greeting cards, envelopes, labels, raffie tickets, and more.

The Copy Shop will offer UPS and Federal Express delivery starting in December, Rickard said, and the store has a good supply of office supplies.

The Copy Shop's first location in downtown Traverse City was started in June of 1982 by Rickard's father, who had worked with the Xerox company for 21 years. The first shop was run by Rickard's father, mother, and one other person with "two copiers and a typewriter," Rickard said. "It's grown with technology and need."

A second Copy Shop was created in 1987, also in Traverse City, and the Grayling location was started in November of this year. Rickard bought the company from his father, who retired, about two years ago.

John Webster, owner of Northern Litho in Grayling, had contacted Rickard about putting in a shop next

door to his business. Webster wanted to concentrate on his printing business, but was getting more jobs than he could handle, and hoped The Copy Shop could move in to help alleviate the load, Rickard said.

"John's been very supportive," Rickard said, noting that the two shops coexist with a sort of "symbiotic" relationship.

Rickard did not want to commute from Traverse City to Grayling, so he needed someone to run the Grayling Copy Shop. He came in contact with Connie Beard and Amy DuBay, who were, incidentally, in the process of starting their own Copy Shop-type business in Grayling.

Beard and DuBay instead reached an agreement with Rickard to manage The Copy Shop's new Grayling location, and are enjoying the task so far.

"We were on the verge of doing this on our own, and Dan walked into our lives at the perfect time," said Beard. "We're excited to be a part of it. It's something Grayling needs."

With the employee/management dilemma solved, the prospect of starting a location in Grayling "became a number-crunching" issue, Rickard said.

"With the growth of the area and what is here now, we have a very high probability of succeeding," he said.

Business so far has been "encouraging," Rickard said. "We've had real good reaction. We've had a couple good jobs come through."

The Copy Shop, located on Peninsular Avenue next door to Northern Litho in downtown Grayling, is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.



Photo by Caleb Casey

Connie Beard (left) and Amy DuBay (center) are managing The Copy Shop in Grayling for Dan Rickard (right) of Traverse City, who owns the business. Rickard also owns two Copy Shop businesses in Traverse City. The Grayling Copy Shop opened earlier this month next to Northern Litho on Peninsular Avenue.

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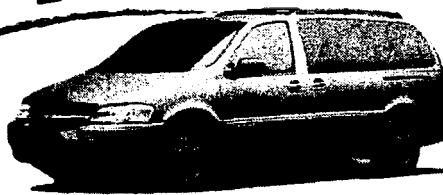
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Kirtland College shares in 'TeleLearning' award

The Educational Teleconsortium of Michigan (ETOM), of which Kirtland Community College (KCC) is a founding member, has received "The TeleLearning People 2000 Consortium Award" for "its exemplary use of telecourses in an educational program."

The award presentation was made on October 17 at the TeleLearning organization's conference in Atlantic City, New Jersey. Lucy Rae Pascoe from The TeleLearning People, made the award presentation to Ronda Edwards, ETOM Board Member.

"The award," said Mark Burger, Kirtland Instructional Technology Director and former President of ETOM, "represents a great deal of work by all of the member colleges

and universities to enhance Michigan's distance learning systems. Kirtland was a charter member of ETOM and it has assisted us in providing an excellent program of telecourses and online programs for our students."

ETOM was nominated for the award by Coast Learning Systems, a division of Coastline Community College, Orange County, California. It is one of five nationally-recognized producers/distributors of video-based college courses which make up The TeleLearning People organization.

ETOM was created to serve its members by promoting, providing and enhancing the development, implementation, delivery and management of distance education ser-

vices and systems in Michigan's higher education systems.

Lori Loveland, Kirtland Instructional Technology Specialist and a former business manager of ETOM, said, "Today, ETOM represents 35 two- and four-year colleges and universities in the state and serves thousands of students each semester."

"Between Fall 1999 and Spring 2000, 23,351 students enrolled in ETOM's distance learning programs, including 13,086 students enrolled in telecourse offerings."

ETOM also works closely with the Michigan Community College Virtual Learning Collaborative to assist member colleges with group buys on online course management/development software, training, and other professional development activities.

USDA grants available for rural education, medical services

Washington, DC — Agriculture Secretary Dan Glick announced earlier this month that USDA is accepting applications for \$325 million in loans and grants for telecommunications projects that will bring improved education and medical services to rural areas. The funds are made available through USDA's Rural Development Distance Learning and Telemedicine (DLT) Program.

"As part of the technological innovation legacy of this administration, the DLT program is giving us a clear view to a better future for rural education and health care service," said Glickman. "With \$102 million invested in more than 383 projects since 1993, this program has improved the educational opportunities for thousands of students and provided better quality health care to rural citizens served by more than 1,000 hospitals and rural health care clinics."

The Rural Utilities Service of USDA Rural Development is accepting applications for the following funds: \$15 million in grants, \$200 million in loans, and \$110 million for grant/loan combinations.

The latter will include \$10 million in grants and \$100 million in loans.

With distance learning, students in isolated rural schools can participate in virtual field trips or take college preparatory and foreign language classes. Telemedicine projects enable rural patients to be examined by doctors in distant locations, bringing better health care service to remote communities and saving time, money and even lives.

Applications for grants must be postmarked no later than March 2, 2001. Applications for loans or loan/grant applications will be accepted until September 30, 2001.

Additional details, along with regulations and application guide are available on the web at: www.usda.gov/rus/dlt/dlmi.htm. The telephone contact is (202) 690-4493 and the fax number is (202) 720-1051.

Applications are to be submitted to the USDA Rural Utilities Service, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Mail Stop 1550, Washington, DC 20250-1550. Indicate attention to the Director, Advanced Services Division, Telecommunications Program.

People Fund helps local agencies

The Great Lakes Energy People Fund continues to make a significant impact in local communities with nearly \$35,000 in grants awarded this fall to local charities.

Grants awarded in Crawford County were: \$2,995 to the Lovells Township Fire Department to purchase an automatic external defibrillator; and \$3,000 to the Crawford County Community Christian Help Center to purchase food and personal items for their food pantry in Grayling.

The People Fund is part of Operation RoundUp, a voluntary charitable contribution program sponsored by GLE customers. Participating customers' monthly electric bills are rounded up to the next highest dollar with the extra few cents going into the program's People Fund.

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Auto insurance tips help make for informed choice

The insurance experts at InsWeb offer these tips on auto insurance for seniors:

- Look at the overall value of the policy, not just the price. Choose an insurance company that provides good service and has a reputation of renewing your insurance as you get older. Some carriers won't renew seniors after the age of 74.

- Reevaluate the level of bodily injury coverage. Seniors should look at carrying more coverage than someone who is 30 years old. The older you are, the less time there is to recover from a substantial financial loss.

- Take a mature defensive driving course. Many insurance companies will offer seniors a discount on their policy if they participate in a defensive driving course.

- Look at joining an affinity group. Some carriers will provide a larger variety of value-added services if you belong to an organization like the AARP. The Hartford PLIC, for example, offers AARP members many perks such as lifetime renewable, 12-month policies instead of the normal six-month policy, and flexible payment options.

Seniors are one of the fastest growing age groups on the Internet. Many seniors are participating in chat rooms, investing online, and communicating through e-mail with family and friends. However, many seniors don't realize that the Internet can help them with time-consuming and onerous tasks, such as finding the best value and price for auto insurance.

The Internet provides seniors the ability to comparison shop and select insurance free of sales pressure, and without spending hours on the phone seeking quotes from several insurance companies. Seniors

without a home computer can often find free Internet access at local senior centers, libraries, community centers and churches.

One online source for consumers seeking auto insurance is InsWeb—a free, unbiased Web site located at www.insweb.com. InsWeb is the leading online insurance marketplace, helping consumers make smart and well-researched insurance decisions. They can shop and select insurance coverage on their own schedule and without any pressure—24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

InsWeb offers comparative quotes from well-recognized insurance companies such as State Farm, Nationwide, The Hartford and AIG. By filling out one form, consumers can get multiple quotes. In addition to auto insurance, InsWeb offers term life, individual medical, fixed annuities and disability income, as well as some specialty coverage. Seniors also can use the Web site's research and analysis tools to help determine the appropriate level of coverage based on their individual insurance needs.

According to a survey by Yankelovich, eight in 10 people renew their auto insurance automatically—primarily because it's too difficult to shop around—yet many believe they could get a better deal on insurance if they comparison shopped.

The good news is that the Internet gives consumers the opportunity to shop around easily and conveniently.

For more information about InsWeb visit the Web site at www.insweb.com; at Yahoo's Insurance Center, insurance.yahoo.com/; Switchboard; InfoSpace; USA Today; and other leading Web sites.

SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

by Jan Farley

Thought for your week ahead: Whatever happens, remember, wisdom was never purchased at a cheaper price!

Winter is upon us. I hope everyone had a delightful Thanksgiving and is safe and happy. The rest of the holidays are yet to come and for some it is a joyous time and others have a very difficult time during special holidays. Think of those special people at this time of year, especially those who have lost a loved one or someone very close to them. Now is the time when we should be reaching out with both hands and clasping each other to our hearts.

Beat the winter blahs by coming to your Senior Center and see what is going on. Lots of good

things are happening and all you have to do is come and join in! Check the Senior Calendar for December's activities and special services for seniors.

Here's the Congregate Dining Program menu for coming days (The menu is listed Lunch/Dinner):

November 29 - Chopped Sirloin/Breaded Fish

November 30 - Chicken Parmesan/Stuffed Peppers

December 1 - Kielbasa & Kraut/no dinner

December 3 - Sunday Brunch from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. with waffles as the entree.

December 4 - Roast Pork/Fish Fillets

December 5 - Oven Chicken/Stuffed Turkey

December 6 - BBQ Pork/Chicken & Biscuits

December 7 - Stuffed

Ham/Roast Beef

December 8 - Sweet & Sour Chicken/no dinner

The Congregate Dining Program consists of two meals, Monday - Thursday and one on Friday. Join your fellow seniors at noon and/or 5 p.m. on weekdays. There is no evening meal on Fridays. Please try to call for reservations at (517) 348-7123 or 1-888-355-4500, so the kitchen staff can determine how many meals to prepare. However, walk-ins are more than welcome.

Thought to leave you with: The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy. (And, boy have we had that lately!)

Husband and wife share November's Volunteer of the Month recognition

Allen D. McCray, better known as Dean, was chosen "Senior Center Volunteer of the Month." He and his wife, Barbara, have been together for 45 years and we all need to take a page out of their book for staying and looking so young. It might just be that they stay very active.

The McCrays have lived in Crawford County for 13 years after moving here

from Riverview.

The honor of this distinction should be shared because you never see one without the other. The McCrays have volunteered for hot dog sales, rummage sales, the Harvest Dinner and so many other special events and functions. They work on the Gazette and just about anything that needs doing, they will volunteer to help. They also bring beautiful smiles to

the Senior Center; they are never without them and they light up the room whenever they're around.

Dean is very active in the Moose Lodge as well as the Masonic Lodge.

You can see why we appreciate their presence and wish them well, sending congratulations to both of them on Dean's being chosen "Volunteer of the Month" for November.

Helpful monthly clinics offered

Beginning on Thursday, November 30, a monthly clinic will be offered to area residents. As a public service to the community, Grayling Nursing Centre is happy to introduce "Community Connections."

The last Thursday of each month from 2-4 p.m. a clinic will be held offering free services. Weights and blood pressures will be recorded monthly along with a speciality service. On November 30, The Senior Vision Service will be available to clean and tighten eyeglasses. Those registering for this free service will also receive a monthly reminder card of upcoming meetings.

Beginning in January, an Alzheimer Support group will be held at the facility. Time and dates will be announced in the near future. If you desire more information about these clinics you can call 348-2801 or stop in at 331 Meadows Drive, off the I-75 Business Loop.



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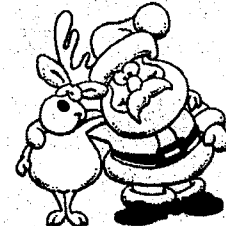
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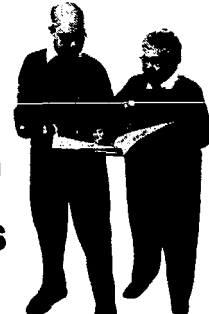
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<p>12:00 - Stag Cards</p> <p>1:00 - Bridge Club</p> <p>5:30 - "Hangman"</p>	<p>1:00 - Euchre Club</p>	<p>Commodities Eagles 9:30 to 10:30</p> <p>Hearing Clinic 10:00 - Exercises 11:00 - Line Dancing 12:30 - Fun & Games 12:30 - Stag Cards 5:30 Wendy's Bingo</p>	<p>BP's Taken 11 - noon "Out To Lunch" China Buffet - TC Leave 10:30</p> <p>1:00 - Pinochle Club</p>	<p>1:00 - Pantry Bingo!</p> <p>1:00-80 Cent Rummy in the Rec Room Every Friday</p> <p>5th - Sunday Brunch 10-1 W/Fr. Toast</p>
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<p>12:00 - Stag Cards</p> <p>1:00 - Bridge Club</p> <p>3:00 - Finance Committee Meets 5:30 - "Hangman"</p>	<p>Traditional Christmas Dinner</p> <p>Served at Noon and at 5</p> <p>With Dancing in-between</p>	<p>Hearing Clinic 10:00 - Exercises 11:00 - Line Dancing</p> <p>12:30 - Fun & Games 12:30 - Stag Cards</p> <p>5:30 - COA Board Meeting</p>	<p>BP's Taken 11 to Noon</p> <p>1:00 - Pinochle Club</p> <p>5:30 - Cardo</p>	<p>1:00 - Pantry Bingo</p> <p>1:00-80 - Cent Rummy</p>
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OBITUARIES

Doris Ann Harland

Apr. 9, 1929 - Nov. 24, 2000

Doris Ann Harland, 71, of Grayling died on November 24, 2000 at Mercy Hospital, Grayling.

Mrs. Harland was born on April 9, 1929 in Flint to John Bernard Hansen and Marie Donnelly. She married John Gilbert Harland on September 9, 1950. She has lived in Grayling since 1971 and retired from Crawford Ausable Schools as a cook. She was a member of the Grayling Eagles.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husband.

Survivors include: two daughters, Denise (Kim) Parkinson of Grayling and Karen (David) Karpicke of Cadillac; seven sons, Rick (Susan) Harland, Marc (Sheila) Harland, Stephen (Brandon) Harland, Paul (Joyce) Harland, Jim (Bridget) Harland all of Grayling, David (Brenda) Harland, and Kevin Harland both of Florida; 17 grandchildren, Amie, Angie, Jeremy, Mike, Travis, Scott, Nathan, Jory, Jamey, Krysten, Ryan, Sarah, Alex, Amber, Falyne, Matthew, and Craig; three great-grandchildren, Nicholas, Kaylee and Noah; one sister, Elaine (Jack) Bickford of Lewiston; one brother, Dennis (Eva) Hansen of Flint; and her companion, Selvin (Batch) Anderson of Grayling.

Funeral services were held on November 27, 2000 at St. Francis Episcopal Church in Grayling with Father Robert Henley officiating. Burial was at Elmwood Cemetery, Grayling. Memorials can be made to Mercy Hospital Grayling.

Arrangements by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, Grayling.

Robert Rodney Keene

Apr. 30, 1937 - Nov. 26, 2000

Robert Rodney Keene, 63, of Maple Forest Township died on November 26, 2000 at his home.

Mr. Keene was born on April 30, 1937 in Romulus to Harold Sr. and Josephine Keen. He married Susan Posegay on June 30, 1962 at St. Stevens Catholic Church in New Boston.

He lived in Grayling for 31 years and managed the MarJon Sawmill and was a compactor for Waste Management. He served as the Maple Forest Constable for 20 years.

Mr. Keene raised pheasants, pigeons, chickens and peacocks.

He was preceded in death by his father Harold Keene Sr.

Survivors include: his wife; one daughter, Connie (Larry) Meyer of Carleton; two sons, Robert (Francine) Keene of Traverse City, and Michael (Dana) Keene of Johannesburg; his mother, Josephine Keene; ten grandchildren, Joshua, Jessica, and Jacob Meyer, Erica, and Alex Keene, Travis, Troy, Tristan, and Torri Anne Spierling, and Brooke Keene; several nieces and nephews; and one brother, Harold Keene, Jr. of Grayling.

Funeral services were held on November 29, 2000 at 11 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Grayling with Reverend Robert Nalley officiating. Burial was at Maple Forest Township Cemetery. Lunch will be at the Maple Forest Township Hall after the committal services at the cemetery.

Arrangements by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, Grayling.

Florence Edith Nelson

Jan. 25, 1926 - Nov. 26, 2000

Florence Edith Nelson, 74, of Grayling died on November 26, 2000 at her home.

Mrs. Nelson was born in Lansing on January 25, 1926 to George Wolf and Edith Nielson. She married Robert Eugene Nelson on April 7, 1945 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Grayling.

Mrs. Nelson lived in Grayling all her life. She retired from Beaver Creek Township as a clerk. She was an outdoors woman during her school years, hunting, trapping, ice fishing and helping her father raise fox. She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one son, William Richard; and one brother.

Survivors include: her husband; three daughters, Nancy (George) Harter of Perrysburg, Ohio, Elizabeth (Jerry) Millikin and Patricia (Robert) Mead both of Grayling; three sons, Robert (Janice) Nelson of Interlochen, Steven (Traci) Nelson of Beaver Creek, and David (Tracy) Nelson of Mt. Pleasant; 20 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and two sisters.

Funeral services were held on November 28, 2000 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Grayling with Reverend Robert Nalley officiating. Burial was at Beaver Creek Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to St. Mary's Catholic Church Piano Fund or Mercy Amicare Hospice of Grayling.

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MILITARY NEWS

CAMP GRAYLING - Captain Mike McNamara was appointed on October 14 as the Company Commander of the 1071st General Support Maintenance Company located in Grayling.

The Change of Command ceremony was conducted by Lieutenant Colonel Roland Johnson, Commander of the 746 Maintenance Battalion, which is located in Jackson. Also taking part in the ceremony was the Sergeant Major of the 746th, SGM Phelps, and the First Sergeant of the 1071st, ISG Dale Papendick.

McNamara replaces Captain Mike Morang who commanded the unit since January, 1998. CPT. McNamara comes from the 1070th Maintenance Company, where he was the company commander before they were inactivated. McNamara has over 12 years in the Michigan Army National Guard.

CPT. McNamara is employed as a Track Vehicle repair supervisor at the MATES facility in Grayling. He is a graduate of Crawford Ausable Schools, holds a Bachelor's degree from Central Michigan University, and is currently pursuing a Master's in Business Administration from the Detroit College of Business.

The 1071st will be departing in January 2001 on a major two-week deployment to the National Training Center located in Fort Irwin, California. The unit is also scheduled to go overseas to Germany in February 2002 on a three-week annual training period.

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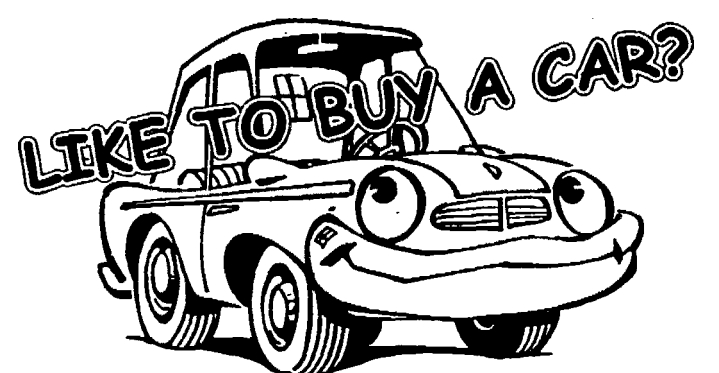
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Danyell is a 1995 graduate of Grayling High School and received a Bachelor of Science in Biology from the University of Detroit Mercy in 1999. Danyell is currently pursuing her Juris doctorate at WSU Law School.

Brandon is a 1994 graduate of Cleveland Heights High School, and received a Bachelor of Architecture from University of Detroit Mercy in 1999.

The couple are planning a September 2001 wedding in Cleveland, Ohio.

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bills. Many people do not know that this money is available or how to get it, said Edmund Billings, a researcher at Financial Assistance Network.

Consumers can receive a copy of the booklet by sending \$5 (check or money order) to cover the cost of printing, postage and handling, to: Financial Assistance Network, Government Help for Energy Bill Booklet Offer, P.O. Box 60848, Washington, D.C. 20039-0848.

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LIBRARY NEWS

Crawford County Library

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Jeff Jaggers of Michelson Methodist Memorial Church will talk about what information is recorded in churches and how a genealogist might best get access to that information to help fill in their family tree. Also, the cemetery project is done. How we should share the information will be explored.

Winners of the Children's Book Week drawing are Katie Martin, Paige Millikin, Seth Waite, and Jonathan Stocker. The lucky winners each received a book from Christopher Knight's series "Michigan Chillers," or a Crawford County Friends of the Library book bag.

New books added to the Crawford County Library in memory of Robert Holzman include *Road Kill* and *The Letter of the Law* from Joan and Larry Woodcox; *Wild Justice* from Larry and Maureen McNamara; *Bishop and the Missing L Train*, *Stalker*, *Loser's club*, *Dilemma*, *Demolition Angel*, *Remorseful*

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In memory of Judith Ferguson; *White Desert* from The Febey's and *Mouse Magic* from Jackie and Leon D'Amour.

For Ryan McDonald, Marian McDonald donated *Little Miss Spider at Sunny Patch School*, *Santa Who* and *Franklin's Baby Sister*.

For Harvey Zell, Don and Rae Ann Schanz donated *Setting the World Ablaze*.

For Claude (Bud) Halstead, Art and Merle Carlson donated *Groucho - The Life and Times* and *The Detroit Tigers*.

For Gildreth Saunders, Jerry and Linda Northrop donated *Christmas with Southern Living 2000 and Answer Book*.

For Arnold Bader, Don and Rae Ann Schanz donated *20th Century Year by Year* and Larry and Maureen McNamara donated *Duty*.

For more information call the Crawford County Library at 348-9214. Hours are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.; Friday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; and Saturday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Lovells Township Library

The *Book of Rules* has been placed in memory of Bud Caid, from Rose Duley-Gleason at the Lovells Township Library.

In memory of Lloyd Stahl, *The Art of the Automobile*, given by Ann Duby.

New books at the library are, *L.A. Dead* by Stuart Woods, *Eye of the Storm* by V.C. Andrews, *Journey* by Danielle Steel, *Wish You Well* by David Baldacci, *Omerta* by Mario Puzo, *Deck the Halls* by Mary Higgins Clark, *Prodigal Summer* by Barbara Kingsolver, and *Merrick* by Anne Rice.

The Lovells Township Library is open Tuesday-Thursday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturday noon to 3 p.m. 348-9215

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Crawford County Sheriff Deputy Renee A. Landsparger successfully completed a 160-hour Basic Correctional Officer Program and received her certificate October 27. The program was held at the Northwestern Regional Fire Training Center in Traverse City.

Suspected car thief caught

With the assistance of the Roscommon County Sheriff's Office, Crawford County Sheriff's Deputies were able to apprehend a suspect in connection with a vehicle stolen on Thanksgiving Day.

Crawford Deputies responded to a report of a stolen automobile on November 23 in South Branch Township. During the investigation, they were able to ascertain the identity of the suspect, an 18-year old Detroit man.

With the assistance of Roscommon Deputies, the stolen vehicle was located on southbound I-75 in Roscommon County and the suspect was in close proximity.

The man was taken into custody and transported to the Crawford County Jail where he was lodged on UDAA (Unlawfully Driving Away Automobile) charges.

Crawford Sheriff's official report

the Detroit man was visiting a friend near where the vehicle was stolen and was in the process of finding his own transportation home.

Hunter injured with own gun

Michigan State Police at the Houghton Lake Post are investigating a non-fatal hunting accident that occurred Tuesday, November 21 at approximately 12:45 p.m. in South Branch Township.

Daniel Richard Kabobel, 48, of Bay City, was injured during a camp photographic session when a rifle was improperly handled. The rifle discharged, striking Kabobel in the lower right leg. He was transported to Grayling Mercy Hospital where he received treatment. The investigation continues.

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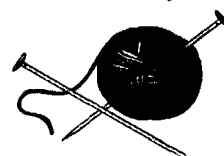


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Highlights from Christmas Walk 2000

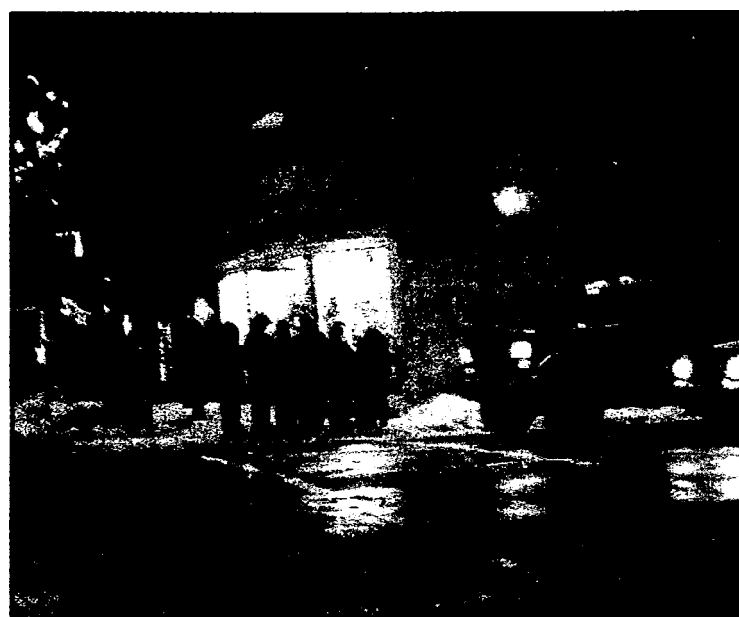
On November 18 the town of Grayling came alive with the holiday spirit. There was caroling by Grayling Promotional Association members, lots of home baked goods being sold to benefit worthy causes such as Habitat for Humanity, a live nativity cast from members of the Michelson Memorial Church congregation and of course a visit from the jolly old elf himself, Santa Claus. The evening was made perfect by calm winds, temperatures right around freezing and some wonderful northern Michigan lake effect snow! The mild winter weather combined with all the lights and luminaries, evergreen decorations and the smell of fresh popcorn and hot cocoa created the perfect Christmas atmosphere.



(Above) Donner the reindeer was once again a favorite stop on the Christmas Walk for kids of all ages.

(Right - top) Crowds of shoppers and walkers filled the streets, dodging snowflakes and traffic to welcome in the Christmas season.

(Right - bottom) Animal Shelter of Crawford County Board President Joe Porter sells some raffle tickets for a lovely quilt handmade by a local quilt guild. The drawing is December 6 at 1 p.m. at Milltown Groomers on M72 West.



Top two photos by Cheryl Ruley



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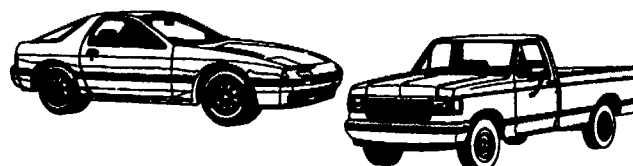
The following is a list of dates, times and locations for the program:

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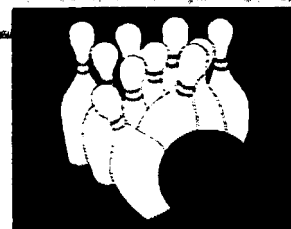
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► MSU Extension offers updated guide for attracting wildlife without baiting or feeding

MSU Extension in northern lower Michigan has just updated the publication entitled, "Improving Your Land for Wildlife: Alternatives to Supplemental Feeding." The purpose of the eight-page newspaper is to provide private landowners with information about how to manage the habitat on their property to attract wildlife. The updated version includes more recent management recommendations and information.

"As a result of regulations and restrictions on deer and elk feeding in northern lower Michigan due to Bovine Tuberculosis, private landowners who want to attract wildlife species to their property must now use other methods," says Robyn Oliver, North Region Wildlife Agent with MSU Extension.

"This publication provides information on how to manage different cover types on private land. For example, several articles were written on how to create and maintain openings. Where natural openings exist, landowners can simply mow and fertilize these areas two to three times a year to increase their attractiveness to wildlife.

"Conversely, a landowner with a large parcel of forest land can conduct a commercial timber sale on their property to create openings that wildlife such as deer, elk, turkey, or grouse find desirable."

For landowners interested in planting wildlife food plots, this publication also offers advice on how to successfully grow grasses, legumes, and other annual crops. According to Russell Kidd, North Region Forestry Agent for MSU Extension, growing crops for wildlife in northern lower Michigan, where sandy soils and short growing seasons prevail, requires careful attention to avoid costly mistakes.

"Many areas of land, particularly in northeast lower Michigan, are droughty by nature and the native soils may not be ideal to support agricultural crops such as alfalfa or corn," explained Kidd. "Instead, landowners should consider having their soil tested to see what will grow best on their land.

"For example, by using a mixture of seed such as red clover, smooth bromegrass, and ladino clover, a landowner will probably have better success on these sandy sites than in trying to establish a pure stand of alfalfa for a wildlife food plot.

"In many cases, wildlife will use almost any area that is lush and green to graze or seek out insects. It doesn't always have to be a premium crop such as alfalfa, corn, or other commercial mixtures," Kidd concluded.

The publication also includes information on attracting non-game wildlife, seed and woody plant recommendations, a brief overview of USDA cost-share programs available to landowners, sources of professional assistance, and other useful advice.

To get a free copy, call the Crawford County MSU Extension office at (517) 344-3264.

Football team holds awards banquet

► Team awards given; five Vikings earn all-conference honors in NEMC

The GHS varsity football team held its annual end-of-the-season awards banquet recently, at which team honors and all-conference awards were announced.

Five Vikings earned all-league honors in the North East Michigan Conference (NEMC). Dave Golnick earned an All-NEMC 1st team berth with his play at running back this year, and Victor CdeBaca was named to the all-league 1st team for his work at the punter position.

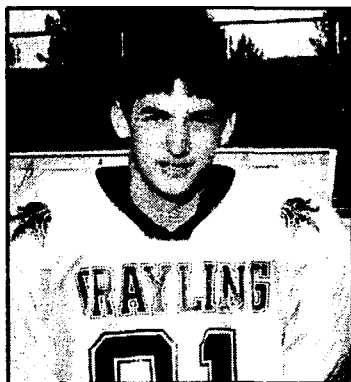
"Dave worked very hard. This was a selection well-deserved," said Coach Scott Cousineau. "Victor averaged over 35 yards a punt, and got us out of the hole a lot."

Quarterback Levi Burkett, tight end Marvin Forbes, defensive back Mike D'Amour, and CdeBaca (at linebacker) each earned an all-conference "honorable mention."

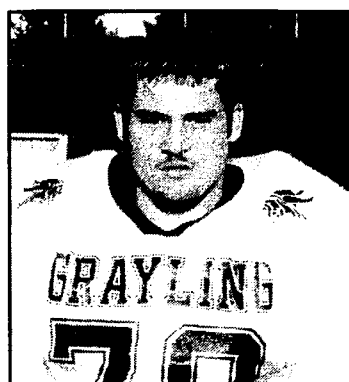
"Levi always gave us his all," said Coach Cousineau. "Marvin really had a nice season both offensively and defensively. We'll be glad to have him back next year. Mike led the secondary with four interceptions. He had a good knack at finding the ball."

In addition to announcing all-league awards, the GHS coaching staff gave out team honors, including:

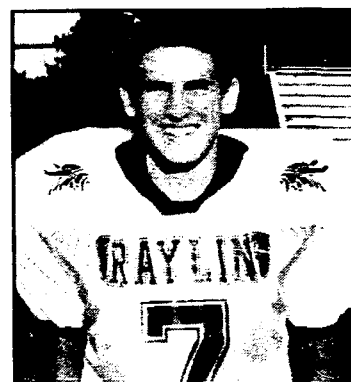
- Most Valuable Player – Dave Golnick;



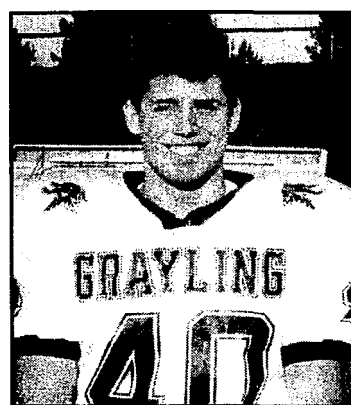
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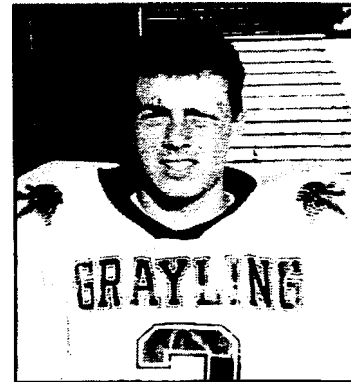
Golnick was Grayling's leading rusher with 578 yards on 122 carries this season. He averaged a solid 4.7 yards per carry. On defense, he was Grayling's third leading tackler with 55;

- Most Improved – Travis LaMotte;
- Coaches Award – Levi Burkett and Golnick;

• Michael Goodrich Memorial Award (for best offensive lineman) – Jason Collen;

• Viking Hitter Award (for best defensive player) – Victor CdeBaca and Nate Haskel;

CdeBaca was Grayling's leading tackler this year with 76 tackles. Haskel was second in tackles for GHS with 57. Both players hit hard all season.



Mike D'Amour
All-NEMC
honorable mention
defensive back

Basketball team prepares for 2000 season

► Varsity squad features 15 players; 1st game to be played in Grayling

The high school boys basketball season is almost here. The Grayling Vikings have been practicing hard and preparing for the upcoming winter season.

"Our kids have really worked their tails off thus far," said Coach Rich Moffit. "I have really been impressed with their ability to pass the ball. This group has also shown the heart and hustle that will be necessary for us to experience success."

This year's varsity boys basketball squad will consist of nine seniors and six juniors.

The following are brief profiles of each player, with a scouting report from Coach Moffit for each:



Marcus Bobenmoyer

• **Marcus Bobenmoyer** – 6'11" forward; returning senior; "Good inside/outside player who has the ability to knock down the 'three.' Must be a consistent rebounder if we are going to be successful."

• **Levi Burkett** – 6'0" guard; returning senior; "Solid player who has improved his defense immensely. Averaged four points per game last year coming off the bench. Good range on his jump shot and has the ability to take the ball to the hole."

• **Nick D'Amour** – 5'9" point guard; returning junior; "Played some solid minutes



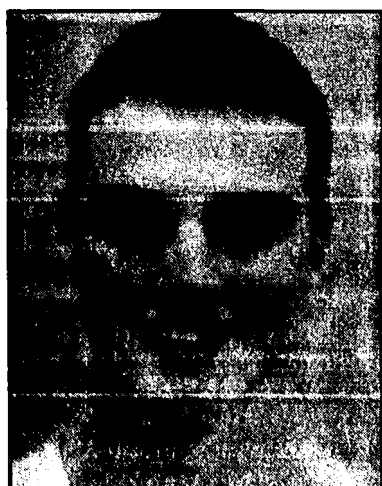
Levi Burkett

coming off the bench last year as a sophomore. One of the better defenders on the team."

• **Dave Golnick** – 6'0" center; senior; "Best rebounder on the team. Strong player around the hoop despite his size. Plays with the heart of a lion."

• **Brad Gorski** – 6'0" point guard; returning senior; "Honorable Mention All-League last year. Passed for 164 assists as the starting point guard last year. Solid player who has improved at the defensive end of the court."

• **Arturs Graube** – 6'0" forward; senior; "'Art' is in his first year of organized basketball. Foreign exchange student from Latvia. Excellent hustle on the court."



Nick D'Amour

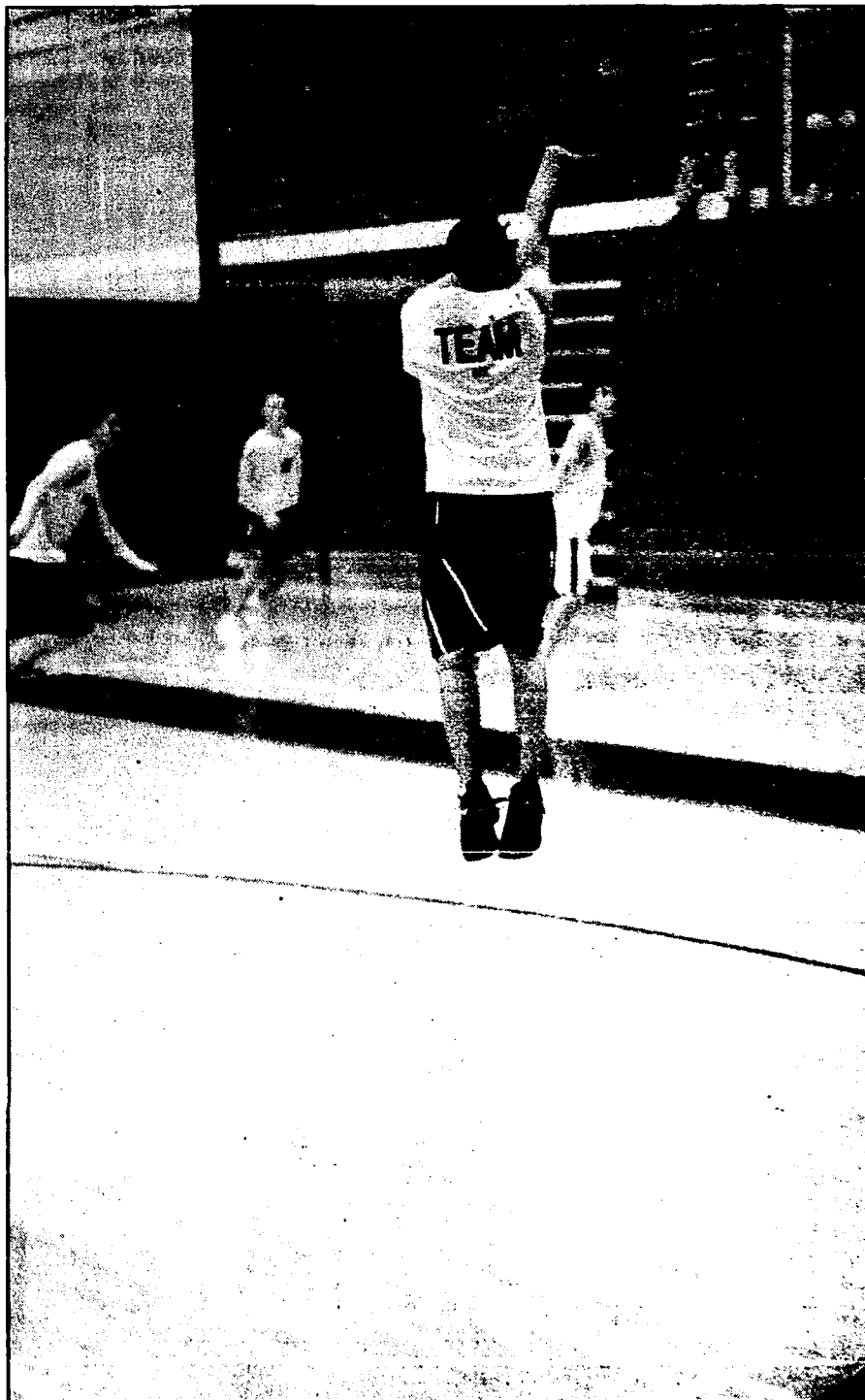


Photo by Linda Golnick

Senior Brad Gorski takes a shot during half-court practice Monday afternoon. The Grayling High School Varsity Basketball Team consists of nine seniors and six juniors this year. The team's season opens at home on Tuesday, December 5 at 6 p.m. against Roscommon.

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See "Basketball team prepares..."

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Sawmill Tavern. 19 - 9
Forrest Brothers. 18 - 10
McLeans ACE. 17 - 11
Fenton's Auto Service. 13 - 12
Helsel Forest Products. 11 - 17
Moore's Automotive. 10 - 18
CSI Ind. Systems. 5 - 23
High Game: J. Keir II, 256; M. Campbell, 254; J. Helsel, 243.
High Series: J. Helsel, 711; M. Campbell, 616; D. Canfield, 606.

Friday Mixed Doubles

Moshier Auto Repair. 33 - 15
Gray Rock Cafe. 25 - 23
Aunt Bettys. 25 - 23
Charles Country Corner. 25 - 23
Fick & Sons. 23 - 25
C.U.P.S. 23 - 25
LAR-BEV KFC. 19 - 29
Double Trouble. 19 - 29
High Game Men: D. Germain, 225; R. Moshier, and D. Canfield, 210.
High Series Men: D. Germain, 595; C. Hanson, 578; M. Campbell, 576.
High Game Women: C. Brannan, 204; A. Moshier, 202; K. Moshier, 201.
High Series Women: K. Trudeau.

Northwood

North Michigan Financial. 33 - 15
Curves For Women. 27 - 21
R. Calkins & Sons. 25 - 23
Darrell's Roofing. 24.5 - 23.5
Pro Tree. 24 - 24
R & M Masonry. 22.5 - 25.5
Plaza Bar. 21 - 27
Rose Owen. 15 - 33
High Game: M. Miller, 224; L. Dannenberg, 209; S. Romain and D. Romain, 190; S. Romain, 549; M. Miller, 536; L. Dannenberg, 526.

Sunday Night Mixed

R & M Masonry. 58 - 26
Wakeley's Auto Parts. 53 - 31
Helsel Brother's. 51 - 33
Waste Management. 43 - 41
Custom Interior. 38 - 46
Legion Lanes. 34 - 50
M.I.A.S. 32 - 52
Billy's. 27 - 57
High Game Men: J. Helsel, 258; T. Herblet, 231; R. Adkinson, 207.
High Series Men: J. Helsel, 646; R. Adkinson, 565; S. Peterson, 546.
High Game Women: K. Moshier, 213; G. Helsel, 202; T. Day, 196.

High Series Women: K. Moshier, 557; M. Miller, 552; S. Romain, 533.

Triangle

Gray Rock Cafe. 32 - 16
Barber Construction. 31 - 17
A-H Rental. 28.5 - 19.5
Moshier Refrigeration. 22.5 - 25.5
Moshier Auto Repair. 22 - 26
G.G.S. 22 - 14
Bancroft Const. 18 - 18
High Game: J. Arwood, 236; G. Psenicka, 231; J. DuBois, 221.
High Series: J. Arwood, 627; D. Canfield, 583; J. DuBois & D. Yanniello, 568.

Senior

Team Standings:
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2. Flowers By Josie
3. Grayling Pharmacy
4. Sylvesters Sports
5. Baynham Wood Products
6. Halls Snow Removal
7. Buccilli's Pizza
8. Cornell Insurance
Men's High Series. K. Harris, 567.
Men's High Game. K. Harris, 233.
Women's High Series. V. Westover, 535.

Women's High Game, V. Westover, 188.

Recreation

Glen's. 32.5 - 11.5
Chicken Little Joint Project. 27 - 17
Cornell. 23 - 21
Peterson Saw Service. 22 - 22
Skyline Ski & C.C. 21.5 - 22.5
Mickey Perez. 20 - 24
Mark 8. 16.5 - 27.5
Scheer Motors. 13.5 - 30.5
High Game: P. Terry, 191; J. Hinds, 188; V. Balmes, 187.
High Series: L. Dellar, 534; S. Johnson, 505; J. Hinds, 503.

Pioneer

Custom Interior. 27 - 13
Chemical Bank. 26 - 14
Aunt Betty's. 24.5 - 15.5
Ginger's. 22 - 18
Avalanche. 15.5 - 24.5
Millikins. 15 - 25
Lady Slippers. 15 - 25
Lucky Strikers. 15 - 25
High Game: E. VanDeCasteel, 205; J. Cousins, 200; S. Johnson & M. Perez, 199.
High Series: S. Johnson, 542; N. Glasslee, 533; S. France, 528.

POOL LEAGUE

Women's Standings

Sawmill II. 75
Spikes. 73
Swamp II. 68
Holiday Inn. 66
Legion. 59
Frederic Inn. 58
Plaza. 42
Sawmill I. 38

5 Ball Run: D. Elekonich of Spikes, S. Pitman of Sawmill II, S. Isenhauer, J. Ryan, and L. Pawlanta of Frederic Inn.

6 Ball Run: A. Mazur of Swamp II.

8 Ball Run: S. Pittman of Sawmill II.

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HOMETOWN NEWS

Clarence Papendick and sons, Russell and Perry, Doug Legg, Don Latusek and Ross Argue are back from a ten day hunting trip in Colorado with four elk and one mule deer. Perry shot a ten point bull elk.

RANGE FIRING

Range firing scheduled during November 29 through December 5.

The Range 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located north of County Road 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Road 618, and west of County Road F97 (Twin Bridge Road). Firing scheduled to commence on December 1 at 9 a.m. and cease at 5 p.m.; December 2 at 9 a.m. and cease at 5 p.m.; December 3 at 1 p.m. and cease at 6 p.m.; December 4 at 2 p.m. and cease at 10 p.m.; December 5 at 2 p.m. and cease 9 p.m.

Range firing is not conducted at Camp Grayling during the Firearm Deer Season, November 15 through November 30.

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Basketball team prepares for 2000 season

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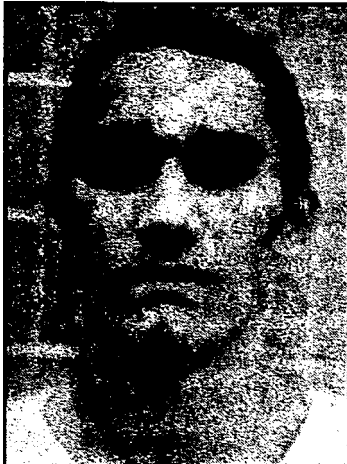
• **Ryan Mahaffy** – 5'10" guard; senior; "One of the surprises of our pre-season practice so far. Has good range on his shot."



Dave Golnick

• **Marcus Marelich** – 6'0" forward; returning senior; "Good jumper who is a solid defender. Very good offensive rebounder."

• **Dan Mead** – 6'3" center; senior; "Another big surprise! Dan is a smart player who understands how to play the game. Excellent passer."



Brad Gorski

• **Chris Youngblood** – 6'0" forward/guard; senior; "Solid player who makes good decisions on the court. Good shooter and passer."



Arturs Graube

• **Larry Baynham** – 6'0" forward; junior; "Kid who plays with a lot of heart and hustle. Solid defender who has played well inside."



Ryan Mahaffy

• **Wes Fox** – 5'10" guard/forward; junior; "Very good decision maker on the court who plays very, very hard. Good passer."

• **Scott Latusek** – 5'9" guard; junior; "Excellent quickness. Very good defender who is making strides at the offensive end of the court."



Marcus Marelich

• **R.J. Schmidt** – 6'0" guard; junior; "Excellent offensive player who is capable of scoring from the outside and off the dribble."

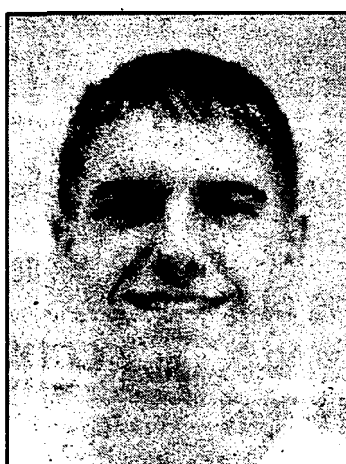
• **Ryan Swope** – 5'11" forward; junior; "Very good defender who has really improved. Plays very hard!"



Dan Mead



Chris Youngblood



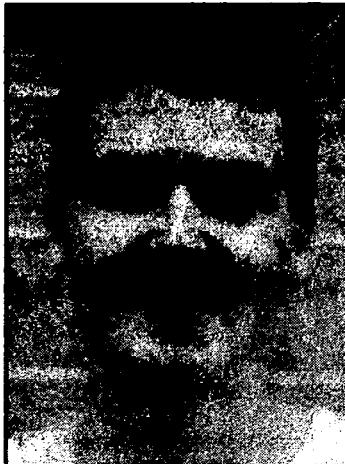
Larry Baynham

The team's first game will be at home on Tuesday, December 5, against the Roscommon Bucks. The junior varsity squad will play at 6:00 p.m., and the varsity team will follow. On Friday, December 8, the Vikings will play at Gaylord.

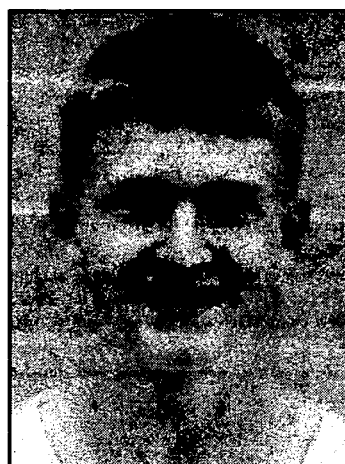
Grayling's conference schedule will start the following week. The Vikings will face Standish Sterling Central and Bay City John Glenn in Grayling in week #2 of the season.

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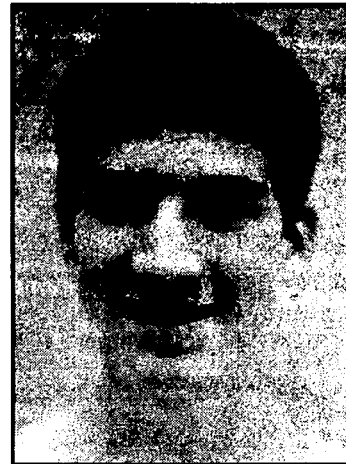
Wes Fox



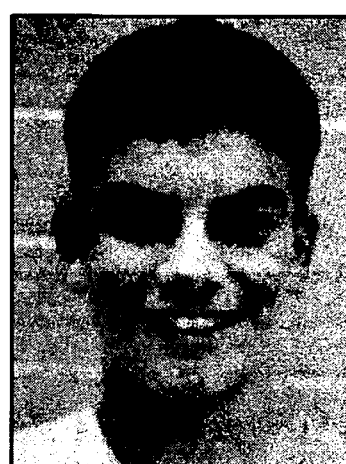
Scott Latusek

"I was in Lansing Mall a couple of weeks ago and saw a shirt that said, 'Practice builds Character, Games reveal Character.' Right now, we are in the process of building the character that will be necessary for us to be successful this year. Hopefully, our league games will reveal that character," said Coach Moffit.

"If we can continue to make the strides that we have made so far, we could be a decent team," said Moffit. "I think that a majority of the people associated with the NEMC expect us to be near the bottom of the standings. We hope to prove people wrong."



R.J. Schmidt



Ryan Swope

"Gladwin, Tawas, and Ogemaw Heights are the heavy favorites to win the NEMC," Moffit said. "Oscoda and Standish have a talented young group and could challenge for the league title. Bay City John Glenn and Pinny also could be in the mix if their young kids play well early."

The basketball program's "Meet the Team" event will be held on Friday, December 1, at the GHS gym. Dinner will take place between 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. and scrimmage events and presentations of players (basketball, volleyball and cheerleaders) will start at 6 p.m.

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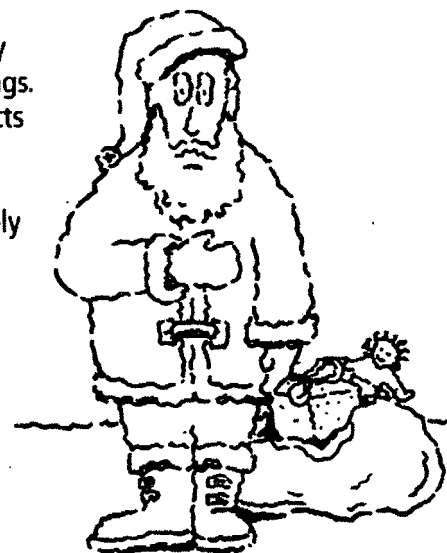
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Mercy Hospital Grayling
December 13, 7 - 9 pm

Diabetes Education Program

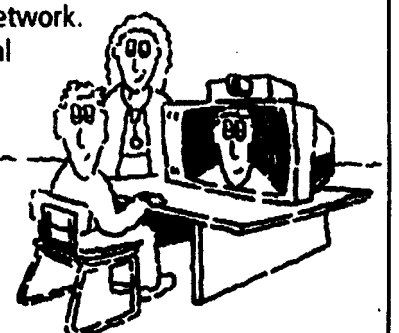
To help those with diabetes who want to take control of their lives. Family members are invited to join at no extra charge. For an appointment, call (517) 348-0380.

Mercy Hospital Grayling
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Harold "Tike" Golnick
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Game 6 _____		Game 13 _____		Tiebreaker 3 game #18 _____	
Game 7 _____		Game 14 _____			
Tiebreaker 1 game #1 _____		Tiebreaker 2 game #9 _____			

Avalanche Football Contest Official Rules

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Week #13 Winning Games

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| 1. Tampa Bay (48) | 11. San Diego |
| 2. Miami | 12. N.Y. Giants |
| 3. Philadelphia | 13. Miami (FLA) |
| 4. Baltimore | 14. Oklahoma |
| 5. N.Y. Jets | 15. Wisconsin |
| 6. New Orleans | 16. Georgia Tech |
| 7. Pittsburgh | 17. Virginia Tech |
| 8. Oakland | 18. Notre Dame (59) |
| 9. Jacksonville (29) | |
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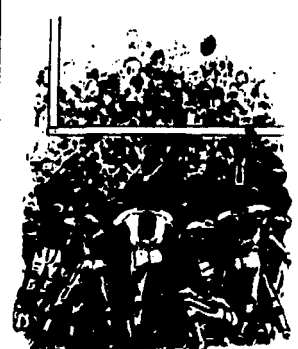

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A little 'do-si-do' got Frederic a-swingin'



Folks seemed to really enjoy an evening of fun at Frederic Elementary School on October 26 at the PTO sponsored "Harvest Party." Families feasted on chili and hot dogs before square dancing began in the gym. Greg Milne of Roscommon was the caller and also taught the crowd about the American tradition of square dancing. Some kids and adults needed to be coaxed into dancing by Milne's helper, Michelle Myers. But, soon everyone was having a good old time!

Photo courtesy of Frederic Elementary School

KIRTLAND BASKETBALL

Kirtland's two basketball squads opened their home schedule Saturday, November 11, at Ogemaw Heights High School gymnasium against Glen Oaks Community College. While a crowd of more than 250 watched the Lady Firebirds lose 54-41, they saw the Firebirds mens team win a tough match-up with the Vikings, 76-71.

Down 37-34 at halftime, the Firebirds scored 45 in the second half to improve their overall mark to 2-1. Glen Oaks fell to 2-1.

Coach Glen Donahue was pleased with the win and said, "It is always good to win the home opener because it builds support and sets the tone for the season that we'll be hard to beat at home."

Glen Oaks had won its first two contests of the season against Delta and Lakeland (Ohio) and is expected to compete for the Western Conference Championship. Ten players hit the scoring column for the home squad, paced by Monte Tucker (14), LaShawn Moody (13), Alvaides Gedminas (11), and Jeremiah Dull (10).

In the late going both Dull and co-captain Kelsey Wood hit free throws to seal the win. "We got good play from our bench with Wood, point guard Rajael Tyler, and Dmitry Popov scoring 6, 9, and 8, respectively, and Doug Moyer making a couple of key buckets," said Coach Donahue. "This was a team victory and hopefully we can build on this win."

The Lady Firebirds were behind 19-31 at halftime, but scored 22 points in the second half. Key scorers for KCC were Breck Gildner (7), Brandie Bates (7), Hannah Miller (6), and Annie Henion and Carrie Godin, who each had five points.

"In the first half for the past couple of games the women haven't been shooting as well as they would have liked, but they do better in the second half. We need to work on getting started early. While we had some offense problems, we had a good defense in this game and we controlled the rebounding pretty well," said Coach Jim Parker.

The next Firebirds home contest will feature the men vs. Alma College's JV squad at the CRAF Center on December 8 at 7:30 p.m. Both Kirtland Firebirds squads will play a return match with Glen Oaks C.C. in Centerville on Tuesday, December 5.

The KCC mens team downed the Delta College Pioneers 80-78 on November 15 in Bay City with a bucket at the buzzer to go 3-1 for the year and 2-0 against MCCA opponents.

The Lady Firebirds fell behind in the first half of their game against Delta's strong women's team, and despite a valiant effort in the second half, lost 66-45.

The mens team led the pioneers 45-35 at halftime.

"We had a big early lead then broke down in parts of the game. We never lost the feel to win. In the last play of the game, Kyle Kitzmiller threw a beautiful long pass to Monte Tucker with 0.8 seconds on the clock. Tucker made the winning basket with no time left. We did lose our poise several times but we are going back to the board and work on it today," said Coach Donahue.

High scorers for the Firebirds included Wood (25), Tucker (16), and Popov (11).

Of the Lady Firebirds game,

Coach Parker said, "In the first half we were tight and nervous and couldn't make a basket. We scored 13 points in the first half and 32 in the second."

We need to move more on offense. Megan Hardy played well. She scored 11 points. She was guarding against the leading scorer on Delta, and she played well defensively. Hannah Miller and Christy Olsen were good defensively, even though Christy was sick and couldn't play much the second half. Brandie Bates hustled and was around every loose ball. The second half always brings us back into the game, but that needs to switch. We need to work more on shooting skills."

Leading scorers for KCC were Hardy (11), Bates (8), Mika Sumner (7), and Miller (6).

Kirtland's Lady Firebirds traveled seven hours on November 17 to compete in a weekend tournament in Oshawa, Ontario and came home with their first college win and two losses in three very close games. Meanwhile, Kirtland's mens team suffered its worse loss so far in its inaugural season to Schoolcraft College, the leading team in the MCCA, 123-73.

The Annual Durham College Big 8 Classic Women's Basketball Tournament pitted Kirtland against three four-year schools, the first of which was the highly ranked Humber. Coach Parker said it was "a close game all the way and we played well against a very seasoned team."

High scorers for Kirtland included Bates (18), Laura Grace (8), and Miller (7). The final score was Humber 67, Kirtland 52.

In the second game (on November 18) Kirtland downed Jamestown College 55-47. "We played great defense the first half and our shots were falling," said Coach Parker. "Every player scored and it was a real team effort."

Leading scorers included Grace (18), Godin (10), Henion (7) and Gildner (7). Bates, Grace, Sumner

and Christy Coo all rebounded well for KCC.

Kirtland's third game of the tournament was against Georgian College, only one hour after their second game. "The game was close and exciting, but we were a little tired and we got into foul trouble early," said Coach Parker. "But the whole team played well together. With a little more experience the Lady Firebirds are going to be a team to contend with."

Key scorers in the third game were Gildner (13), Bates (11), and Kathy Wyman (9), who shot well from the three-point line late in the game to make it close. Georgian won 66-57.

Against Schoolcraft, the mens team played well for the first 15 minutes, but then got "out of sync," Coach Donahue said.

"There is no question about it. Schoolcraft is the best team in the league," said Donahue. "A tremendously talented team and we have to give them the credit for the way they played."


Leading scorers for the Firebirds were Tucker (14), Moody (12), Wood (11), and Brad Munson (9).

Kirtland's mens team came from behind on November 20 to beat the Grand Rapids Golden Eagles of Cornerstone University in Grand Rapids 112-106.

"It was a very close game," said Coach Donahue. "We were very close in rebounding percentages as well as shots. We made 49 percent of our shots, they made 51 percent of theirs. There was also a lot of fouls in the game."

"One statistic that really helped us: Cornerstone had 29 turnovers compared to our 13. We were behind the entire game until the last three minutes. We pulled ahead and stayed there. It was a long, hard game against a very good team."

The leading scorers for the Firebirds were Tucker (21), Moody (20), Wood (20), Dull (16), Munson (13) and Gedminas (13). Gedminas had 10 rebounds in the game.



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2000 WINTER SPORTS CALENDAR

Grayling Schools Sports Calendar

Grayling Vikings Varsity & Junior Varsity Boys Basketball

Day	Date	Opponent	H/A	Event Time	Bus Time
Tuesday	December 5, 2000	Roscommon	H	6:00	
Friday	December 8, 2000	Gaylord	A	6:00	4:30
Tuesday	December 12, 2000	Standish-Sterling	H	6:15	
Friday	December 15, 2000	Bay City John Glenn	H	6:15	
Friday	January 5, 2001	Gladwin	A	6:15	4:00
Tuesday	January 9, 2001	Pinconning	A	6:15	4:00
Friday	January 12, 2001	West Branch Ogemaw Heights	H	6:15	
Tuesday	January 16, 2001	Kalkaska	A	6:00	4:30
Friday	January 19, 2001	Tawas	H	6:15	
Tuesday	January 23, 2001	Oscoda	A	6:15	3:30
Friday	January 26, 2001	Standish-Sterling	A	6:15	4:00
Tuesday	January 30, 2001	Kalkaska	H	6:00	
Friday	February 2, 2001	Bay City John Glenn	A	6:15	3:30
Friday	February 9, 2001	Gladwin	H	6:15	
Tuesday	February 13, 2001	Pinconning	H	6:15	
Friday	February 16, 2001	West Branch Ogemaw Heights	A	6:15	4:30
Tuesday	February 20, 2001	Gaylord	H	6:00	
Friday	February 23, 2001	Tawas	A	6:15	3:45
Tuesday	February 27, 2001	Roscommon	A	6:00	4:45
Friday	March 2, 2001	Oscoda	H	6:15	
Monday	March 5, 2001	Districts	TBA	TBA	TBA
Monday	March 12, 2001	Regionals	TBA	TBA	TBA

Grayling Vikings Freshman Boys Basketball

Day	Date	Opponent	H/A	Event Time	Bus Time
Thursday	December 7, 2000	Gaylord	H	6:30	
Monday	December 11, 2000	Roscommon	H	6:00	
Wednesday	December 13, 2000	Kalkaska	A	6:00	4:30
Monday	December 18, 2000	Pinconning	H	6:15	
Thursday	December 21, 2000	Standish-Sterling	H	6:15	
Monday	January 8, 2001	West Branch Ogemaw Heights	A	6:15	4:30
Thursday	January 11, 2001	Bay City John Glenn	H	6:15	
Monday	January 15, 2001	Tawas	A	6:15	3:45
Thursday	January 18, 2001	Gladwin	A	6:15	4:00
Monday	January 22, 2001	Oscoda	H	6:15	4:00
Thursday	January 25, 2001	Pinconning	A	6:15	4:00
Monday	January 29, 2001	Kalkaska	H	6:00	
Monday	February 5, 2001	Standish-Sterling	A	6:15	4:00
Thursday	February 8, 2001	West Branch Ogemaw Heights	H	6:15	
Monday	February 12, 2001	Bay City John Glenn	A	6:15	3:30
Thursday	February 15, 2001	Tawas	H	6:15	
Monday	February 19, 2001	Gladwin	H	6:15	
Thursday	February 22, 2001	Oscoda	A	6:15	3:30

Grayling Vikings Varsity Volleyball

Day	Date	Opponent	H/A	Event Time	Bus Time
Saturday	December 9, 2000	Roscommon Tournament	A	8:30	7:30
Wednesday	December 13, 2000	Cheboygan	A	6:00	4:00
Saturday	December 16, 2000	Lake City Tournament	A	TBA	TBA
Thursday	December 21, 2000	Standish-Sterling	A	6:15	4:30
Saturday	January 6, 2001	Petoskey Tournament	A	8:30	7:00
Wednesday	January 10, 2001	Bay City John Glenn	A	6:15	3:45
Saturday	January 13, 2001	Gaylord	A	8:30	7:15
Wednesday	January 17, 2001	Gladwin	H	6:15	
Wednesday	January 24, 2001	Pinconning	H	6:15	
Wednesday	January 31, 2001	Petoskey & Charlevoix	A	6:00	3:45
Thursday	February 8, 2001	West Branch Ogemaw Heights	A	6:15	4:45
Saturday	February 10, 2001	Subway Invitational	H	9:00	
Wednesday	February 14, 2001	Tawas	A	6:15	3:45
Wednesday	February 21, 2001	Oscoda	H	6:15	
Saturday	February 24, 2001	NEMC Conference Meet	H	TBA	
Monday	February 26, 2001	Gaylord	A	6:00	4:30
Saturday	March 3, 2001	Districts	TBA	TBA	TBA

Grayling Vikings 7th Grade Boys Basketball

Day	Date	Opponent	H/A	Event Time	Bus Time
Monday	December 11, 2000	West Branch Surline	H	5:00	
Wednesday	December 13, 2000	Houghton Lake	A	5:00	3:45
Monday	December 18, 2000	West Branch Surline	A	5:00	3:30
Monday	January 8, 2001	Kalkaska	H	5:30	
Wednesday	January 10, 2001	Roscommon	A	5:00	4:00
Monday	January 15, 2001	Gaylord	A	5:00	3:45
Wednesday	January 17, 2001	Houghton Lake	H	5:00	
Monday	January 22, 2001	Kalkaska	A	5:30	4:15
Wednesday	January 24, 2001	Gaylord	H	5:00	
Monday	January 29, 2001	Roscommon	H	5:00	
Wednesday	January 31, 2001	Make-up day	TBA	TBA	TBA
Monday	February 5, 2001	Houghton Lake Tournament	A	TBA	TBA
Tuesday	February 6, 2001	Houghton Lake Tournament	A	TBA	TBA
Wednesday	February 7, 2001	Houghton Lake Tournament	A	TBA	TBA
Thursday	February 8, 2001	Houghton Lake Tournament	A	TBA	TBA
Monday	February 12, 2001	Roscommon Tournament	A	TBA	TBA
Tuesday	February 13, 2001	Roscommon Tournament	A	TBA	TBA
Wednesday	February 14, 2001	Roscommon Tournament	A	TBA	TBA
Thursday	February 15, 2001	Roscommon Tournament	A	TBA	TBA

Grayling Vikings Varsity Skiing

Day	Date	Opponent	H/A	Event Time	Bus Time
Wednesday	January 3, 2001	Gaylord Invitational @ Tretope	A	1:00	10:30
Thursday	January 11, 2001	Clare @ Snowsaw	A	3:00	1:00
Thursday	January 18, 2001	Farwell & Harris @ Silver Ridge	A	3:00	1:00
Thursday	January 25, 2001	Roscommon & Farwell @ Hanson Hills	H	3:00	1:00
Saturday	January 27, 2001	Boys & Charlevoix @ Boyne Mt.	A	6:00	3:30
Tuesday	January 30, 2001	Harrison & Mt. Pleasant @ Hanson Hills	H	3:00	12:30
Friday	February 2, 2001	Mt. Pleasant Invitational @ Silver Ridge	A	11:00	8:45
Saturday	February 3, 2001	Flushing Invitational @ Tretope	A	9:30	7:30
Thursday	February 8, 2001	Mt. Pleasant & Roscommon @ Hanson Hills	H	3:00	1:00
Thursday	February 13, 2001	Burger King Invitational @ Hanson Hills	H	TBA	TBA
Thursday	February 15, 2001	Regionals @ Crystal Mt.	A	9:30	6:30
Tuesday	February 20, 2001	Mt. Pleasant, Conference Meet @ Tretope	A	1:00	10:00
TBA	TBA	Manistee @ Crystal Mt.	A	TBA	TBA
Monday	February 26, 2001	Boys City & Charlevoix State Meet (@Boys Mt., must qualify at Regionals)	A	TBA	TBA

Grayling Vikings Varsity Wrestling

Day	Date	Opponent	H/A	Event Time	Bus Time
Thursday	November 30, 2000	Gaylord & Whittemore Prescott	A	6:00	4:00
Saturday	December 2, 2000	Roscommon Invitational	A	9:00	8:00
Thursday	December 7, 2000	Oscoda	A	6:00	3:30
Saturday	December 9, 2000	Mason County Invitational	A	10:00 12-8@4:00	
Thursday	December 14, 2000	Standish & Petoskey	H	6:00	
Saturday	December 16, 2000	Charlevoix	A	TBA	TBA
Thursday	January 4, 2001	Cheboygan & B.C. John Glenn	H	6:00	
Thursday	January 11, 2001	Gladwin	A	6:00	4:15
Saturday	January 13, 2001	Oscoda Invitational	A	10:00	7:00
Thursday	January 18, 2001	Pinconning & Buena Vista	A	6:00	4:15
Saturday	January 20, 2001	Ithaca Invitational	A	10:00	6:00
Thursday	January 25, 2001	Roscommon & Ogemaw Heights	H	6:00	
Saturday	January 27, 2001	Gaylord Invitational	A	9:30	8:00
Thursday	February 1, 2001	Houghton Lake & Tawas	H	6:00	
Saturday	February 3, 2001	Gladwin	A	9:00	7:15
Thursday	February 10, 2001	NEMC Conference meet @ Gladwin	A	9:00	7:15
Thursday	February 15, 2001	Team Districts	TBA	TBA	TBA
Saturday	February 17, 2001	Individual Districts	TBA	TBA	TBA
Wednesday	February 21, 2001	Team Regionals	TBA	TBA	TBA
Saturday	February 24, 2001	Individual Regionals	TBA	TBA	TBA
March 2-3, 2001	Team Finals	TBA	TBA	TBA	
March 8-10, 2001	Individual Finals in Detroit	A	TBA	TBA	

Grayling Vikings Junior Varsity & Freshman Volleyball

Day	Date	Opponent	H/A	Event Time	Bus Time
Wednesday	December 13, 2000	Cheboygan	A	6:00	4:00
Monday	December 18, 2000	Pinconning	A	6:15	4:15
Thursday	December 21, 2000	Standish-Sterling	A	6:15	4:30
Monday	January 8, 2001	West Branch Ogemaw Heights	H	6:15	
Wednesday	January 10, 2001	Bay City John Glenn	A	6:15	3:45
Monday	January 15, 2001	Tawas	H	6:15	
Wednesday	January 17, 2001	Gladwin	H	6:15	
Saturday	January 20, 2001	Kalkaska Invitational-JV ONLY	A	9:00	7:45
Wednesday	January 24, 2001	Pinconning	H	6:15	
Wednesday	January 31, 2001	Petoskey & Charlevoix-JV ONLY	A	6:00	4:00
Wednesday	January 31, 2001	Petoskey & Charlevoix-JV ONLY	A	6:00	3:45
Monday	February 5, 2001	Standish-Sterling	H	6:15	
Thursday	February 8, 2001	West Branch Ogemaw Heights	A	6:15	4:45
Wednesday	February 14, 2001	Tawas	A	6:15	3:45
Monday	February 19, 2001	Gladwin	A	6:15	4:30
Wednesday	February 21, 2001	Oscoda	H	6:15	
Monday	February 26, 2001	Gaylord	A	6:00	4:30

Grayling Vikings 8th Grade Boys Basketball

Day	Date	Opponent	H/A	Event Time	Bus Time
Monday	December 11, 2000	West Branch Surline	A	5:00	3:30
Wednesday	December 13, 2000	Houghton Lake	H	5:00	
Monday	December 18, 2000	West Branch Surline	H	5:00	
Monday	January 8, 2001	Kalkaska	A	5:30	4:15
Wednesday	January 10, 2001	Roscommon	H	5:00	
Monday	January 15, 2001	Gaylord	H	5:00	
Wednesday	January 17, 2001	Houghton Lake	A	5:00	3:45
Monday	January 22, 2001	Kalkaska	H	5:00	
Wednesday	January 24, 2001	Gaylord	A	5:00	3:45
Monday	January 29, 2001	Roscommon	A	5:00	4:00
Wednesday	January 31, 2001	Make-up day	TBA	TBA	TBA
Monday	February 5, 2001	Houghton Lake Tournament	A	TBA	TBA
Tuesday	February 6, 2001	Houghton Lake Tournament	A	TBA	TBA
Wednesday	February 7, 2001	Houghton Lake Tournament	A	TBA	TBA
Thursday	February 8, 2001	Houghton Lake Tournament	A	TBA	TBA
Monday	February 12, 2001	Roscommon Tournament	A	TBA	TBA
Tuesday	February 13, 2001	Roscommon Tournament	A	TBA	TBA
Wednesday	February 14, 2001	Roscommon Tournament	A	TBA	TBA

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Grayling Middle School Students of the Month



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All "A" Honor Roll
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A Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening will be done on December

13. Call 1-800-968-7300 to schedule an appointment. This program is available to women ages 40-64 who have limited or no health insurance.

Other services the Health Department provides are: Maternal/Infant Support - Family Matters, Environmental Health, HIV/AIDS testing, OSHA Bloodborne Pathogen Standard Training Session, Free Hearing and Vision Screening for ages 3-18 by appointment, as scheduled, MI Child and Healthy Kids Insurance Programs, and Health Promotion Programs which include Smoking Cessation Classes, and Abstinence Education.

For more information or to set an appointment, call 348-7800.

GRAYLING POLICE REPORT

The Grayling Police Department handled the following 61 complaints the week of November 19-25:

Four false alarms, two animal control, two felony arrests, three misdemeanor arrests, one assault, three assists to other departments, two city ordinance violations, one civil complaint, two juvenile com-

plaints, two larcenies, one malicious destruction of property, one motorist assist, three suspicious situations, one private property accident, six traffic accidents, five civil infraction citations, eight misdemeanor citations, and 14 unclassified complaints. Fourteen traffic warnings were also issued.

Auditions open for 'Steel Magnolias'

Kirtland Center Players will be holding auditions for their winter production of "Steel Magnolias" on Thursday and Friday, December 7-8, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the G.I. Stewart Auditorium on the campus of Kirtland Community College.

Auditions are open to all area residents. There are roles for six women between the ages of 19 and 66. Besides the cast, stage crew and costume help is needed. For more information, call (517) 275- 5000, ext. 311.

LEGAL ACTION

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CRAWFORD CIRCUIT COURT FAMILY DIVISION

File No: 00-6202-NC
In the matter of MICHAEL JOSEPH STAFFORD.

NOTICE: A hearing will be held on **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2000 at 2:00 PM** in the courtroom **GRAYLING** Michigan before Judge **JOHN G. HUNTER**, TO HEAR PETITION TO CHANGE NAME.

FROM: MICHAEL JOSEPH STAFFORD
TO: MICHAEL STAFFORD HUNTER
Date 10/23/00
CHERIE LEE HUNTER
3675 JUNIPER WAY
GRAYLING, MI 49738
517-348-8491

STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CRAWFORD

File No. 99-4917-CH(M)
EVERETT HOGGARD and ARTHELLA HOGGARD, Plaintiffs,
v.
PHYLLIS J. SAUTER TRUST, SHAKTI HOTEL-MOTEL, CORP., and PAUL MICHAEL MARKS, Defendants.
BRABANT & MANNIKKO, PLLC
By: Bruce K. Mannikko P47238
Attorney for Plaintiff
241 Lake Street, P.O. Box 35
Roscommon, MI 48653
(517) 275-4365
SHAKTI HOTEL-MOTEL, CORP.
In Pro Per
2723 Niles Avenue
St. Joseph, MI 49085
DAVID B. SABIN P19822
Attorney for Defendant Sauter
115 Michigan Avenue
Grayling, MI 49738
(517) 348-5588

PAUL MICHAEL MARKS
In Pro Per
993 Northpointe Drive, S.W.
Grand Rapids, MI 49509

NOTICE OF JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE SURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that by virtue of a Judgment of Foreclosure in the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford, State of Michigan dated the 22nd day of May, 2000, in the matter of EVERETT HOGGARD and ARTHELLA HOGGARD v. PHYLLIS J. SAUTER TRUST, SHAKTI HOTEL-MOTEL, CORP., and PAUL MICHAEL MARKS, File Number of said cause being 99-4917-CH(M) directing the sale of certain real estate, and pursuant to Act 600.3125 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, as amended by Public Act 1974, Number 297, the County Clerk or a Deputy County Clerk of the County of Crawford shall expose for sale at public sale, to the highest bidder, at the entrance of the Crawford County Building, in the City of Grayling, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court of Crawford County, on the 27th day of December, 2000 at 2:00 o'clock p.m., the real estate located in the City of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, described as follows:

The North 50 feet of Lot 1 and Beginning at NW corner of Lot 1; thence W 180 feet; thence S 120 feet; thence E 180 feet; thence N 120 feet to POB, formerly Lots 3, 4, 5 of Hadley's 3rd Addition, Block 2 and also the South 33 feet of vacated Clare Street lying Northerly and adjacent thereto.

Pursuant to said judgment, the real estate above described shall be sold to the highest bidder.

SANDRA MOORE, Crawford County Clerk, Acting under Act 600.3125 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, as amended by Public Act 1974, Number 297.
Dated: October 19, 2000
Dana M. Anderson, Deputy
SANDRA MOORE
Crawford County Clerk
-2-9-16-23-30-7-14

STATUTORY NOTICE (BY PERSON CLAIM-

ING TITLE UNDER TAX DEED)

To the owner of any and all interests in or liens upon the property described:

Take Notice: Sale was lawfully made of the following described property for unpaid taxes on that property, and that the undersigned has title to the property under tax deed or deeds issued for the property. You are entitled to a reconveyance of this property within 6 months after return of service of this notice, upon payment to the treasurer of the county in which the property is located, of all sums paid for the tax sale purchase, together with 50% in addition, and the fees of the sheriff for the service or cost of publication of this notice. The service or publication costs shall be the same as for personal service of a summons on commencing a civil action, without other additional cost or charge. If payment as described in this notice is not made, the undersigned will institute proceedings for possession of the property.

Description of property State of Michigan, County of Crawford:
Lot 57, 20-010-14-400-00-057-00, Lovells Township, Northern Heights, Town 28, Range 1W, §27.17, taxes for year 1996.

This parcel is not an improved residential parcel.

Donald McCleary
3452 Northeast Trail
Grayling, MI 49738

To: Dwight Hilborn, 14 S. Beech Ave, Highland Springs, VA 23075, last grantee in the regular chain of title of such property or of any interest therein as appearing by the records in the office of the Register of Deeds of said County.

I do hereby certify and return, that the within Notice was delivered to me for service on the 26th day of September 2000, and that after careful inquiry, which has been continued from that time until this date, I am unable to ascertain the whereabouts or post office address of 14 S. Beech Avenue, Highland Springs, VA 23075

Dated October 27, 2000
Christina M. Bassett
Confidential Secretary to Sheriff of said County.
-16-23-30-7

RECORD OF CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Meeting held on the 30th day of October 2000 Grayling, Michigan

Meeting called to order by Mayor Palmer at 7:30 p.m.

Members Present: Wyman, Hayes, Palmer, Brown, Banda.

Members Absent: None.

Also in attendance: Allen Lowe, City Manager, Kay Ellen King, City Clerk, Ken Richmond, Terry McGregor, Duane Brooks, Maureen McNamara, Caleb Casey, Bob Butzin, Dennis Long, Karl Schreiner, Dennis Palmer, Sklynn Palmer.

00-123
Moved by Brown, supported by Hayes that the minutes of the meeting of October 9, 2000 be approved as amended. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

Public hearing. None
Communications were received and noted.

a. Grayling Housing commission minutes of September 12, 2000.

b. Letter regarding Lake State Railway Company and the crossing at the end of Michigan Avenue.

c. Letter regarding Crawford County Master Plan. Public meetings, would like city participation.

d. Letter regarding October 9th council meeting. Mr. Hayes responded to the letter. His intentions were not to embarrass anyone but felt it should be brought up as a concern of the community.

e. Proposal 2 update
Old Business

a. New City Hall update. Mr. Ken Richmond spoke to Council and brought the preliminary plans for the new City Hall and Police Department.

00-124
Moved by Hayes, supported by Banda to proceed with the preliminary floor plans for the new City Hall and Police Department.

Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0,

motion carried.

b. Ownership of Sewer lines. The City Manager has been in touch with other cities with regard to ownership of the sewer lines. These differ according to each city's policy. Our policy has been that the city is responsible at the main and the home owner is responsible from the main to the house even if the main is across the street from the homeowner. After much discussion it was decided to address this issue at the next meeting and have the DPW Supervisor present for input.

c. Comp Time Policy. Much discussion was held regarding comp time for salaried employees with input from Council and the audience. It was agreed that the City Manager should handle this.

d. Health Insurance. It was brought to Council that the only time a person could opt out of health insurance was January 1st of each year and not July 1st

00-125
Moved by Banda, supported by Hayes to change the time a person could opt out of health insurance from July 1st of each year to January 1st. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

New Business
a. Library Property Survey. We received a bid from Myers Land Survey Co in the amount of \$2,995.00 to survey the city property from Spike's to the American Legion.

00-126
Moved by Banda, supported by Hayes to have the city property surveyed and to accept Myers Land Survey Co. to do the surveying for a cost of \$2,995.00. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

b. Fire Department Building. Discussion was held as to possible sites to build a new Fire Department or to keep the Fire Department where it is. If it stays at its present location there is work to do to bring the building up to code.

c. General Election on November 7, 2000. The City Clerk gave an update. The City is ready for the General Election on November 7th.

Citizens who wish to speak. None.

Reports of City Manager.

a. The City Manager discussed with Council the new city hall and furniture, if we will be getting new furniture this will have to be addressed at some point.

b. A report from the Police Chief says that passing on the right is legal, if the road is wide enough.

c. The city manager signed the deed for the new library property to the County.

d. The State Police in Lansing say that the Crime Lab will be in Grayling for at least five years. They are in the process of building a new post in Gaylord but at this time they are not sure that the Crime Lab will be moving to Gaylord.

e. Waste Management regarding the leaf pick-up. Discussion was held to have one more pick-up this fall, sometime in November. We will try and get something together so we can put it in the paper.

f. The weekly packets that are sent. To much information or not enough? Council agreed that these are good weekly packets.

Reports of Council Members.

a. Ms. Palmer would like a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss sale of property.

00-127
Moved by Banda, supported by Hayes to go into Executive Session to discuss the sale of property at 8:58 PM. Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Wyman, Brown, Palmer, Hayes, Banda.

Nays: None.
Absent: None.
Motion carried.

00-128
Moved by Wyman, supported by Brown to adjourn the Executive Session at 9:14 PM and return to regular session. Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Wyman, Brown, Palmer, Hayes, Banda.

Nays: None.
Absent: None.
Motion carried.

Adjournment

00-129
Moved by Brown, supported by Banda that the meeting be adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Kay Ellen King
City Clerk

FEATURES

HOROSCOPES

For The Week Of December 3-9

ARIES

March 21-April 20

Although you have figured out most of what's going on in a touchy situation, there still could be something that you've missed. Continue to play the waiting game, at least for the time being.

TAURUS

April 21-May 21

Going your own way with a friend beats following a large herd of people. The peace and quiet means you might learn something very special. Be wary of trying to share your knowledge, though—others may not be ready to hear it.

GEMINI

May 22-June 21

A sudden burst of insight helps you piece together information that's been accumulating for awhile. A romantic partner may be having a rough week, so offer some extra love & tenderness, even if they don't seem to deserve or appreciate it.

CANCER

June 22-July 22

Your skills at avoiding arguments will serve you well this week, especially at work. Confrontation with an influential someone could be particularly costly. Try to see the whole picture before making a decision.

LEO

July 23-August 23

A period of financial constraint spurs you to discover new ways to amuse yourself and friends. A gathering turns into a brainstorm session if you make an effort to discuss your goals.

VIRGO

August 24-September 22

A good laugh reduces the tension at a meeting or discussion. Try not to be the jokester yourself, though, unless you know your audience intimately. Plant seeds today for a great harvest later.

LIBRA

September 23-October 23

If you're feeling impoverished, rethink your situation. There are always more blessings to be counted. Rely on a trusted companion to help you handle a difficult situation.

SCORPIO

October 24-November 22

Sifting through an attic or basement may yield exciting treasures. Save some things for a garage or yard sale in the spring, and send the rest to a worthy charity. You'll feel much richer afterwards.

SAGITTARIUS

November 23-December 21

Investing your extra money may feel about as safe as buying lottery tickets. Consult with a knowledgeable older relative and you can't go wrong. Avoid impulsive purchases.

CAPRICORN

December 22-January 20

Planning ahead may mean being able to see trees where others see acorns, but this week you've got extra insight in that department. Organize your thoughts before making a request from someone powerful.

AQUARIUS

January 21-February 18

Inviting your friends to a potluck dinner could be an opportunity to try a new dish as well as meet someone new. Make it an open invitation, and be prepared for a houseful.

PISCES

February 19-March 20

A demanding relationship may require that you step back and recharge for a time. If you are tactful and loving, this should present no problem. If it does, then you need to examine the connection more closely. Is it as healthy as you think?

For Entertainment Purposes Only

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

DESSERT PIZZA SLICES WITH FRUIT TOPPING.

Serves: 8

1/2 package Frozen
Puff Pastry Sheets
(1 sheet)

1/2 cut sliced almonds

1 container whipped
cream cheese

2 tablespoons almond
extract

1/4 teaspoon almond
extract

1 cup fruit such as rasp
berries, sliced kiwi and
sliced strawberries

Thaw pastry sheet at room
temperature for 30 minutes.
Preheat oven to 400
degrees.

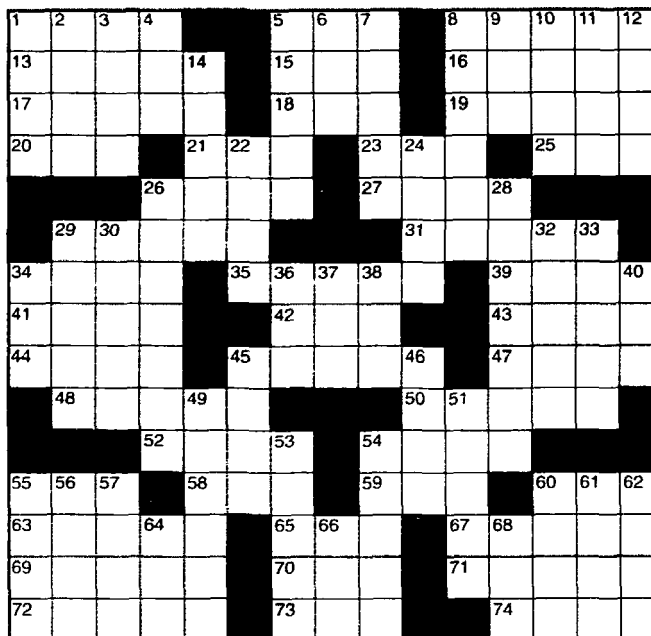
Unfold pastry on lightly
floured surface. Roll to
make a 13x10-inch rectan-
gle; cut in half lengthwise to
make two 13 x 5-inch rectan-
gles; place on a baking
sheet. Brush pastry lightly
with water. prick with fork
tines. Sprinkle evenly with
almonds. Bake until puffed
and golden.

Meanwhile, combine cream
cheese, sugar and almond
extract until blended.
Spread half of mixture on
one rectangle, leaving a 1/2-
inch border on all edges.
Arrange fruit slices on top;
repeat with remaining pastry.
Cut each rectangle cross-
wise into 4 equal pieces; cut
each piece in half diagonally.



HOME NEEDED - Beagle/Aussie Mix, 3
years old, neutered male, very friendly.
Anyone who wishes to adopt a new friend
from the Animal Shelter of Crawford County,
may call (517) 348-4117.

CROSSWORD



ACROSS

- 38th U.S. President
- Pro vote
- Play a ukulele
- Belted constellation
- Rile
- Slick from Punkin Crack (Dinah Shore film)
- Buffalo's home
- Fixed standard
- Election matter
- Caribou's kin
- Witt's milieu
- Hold the title to
- Tree swinger
- Start of a Shakespearean title
- bene
- Compact
- School theme
- Trappist
- Malt kilns
- Hit hard
- Admired one
- Extinct bird of New Zealand
- Radius' neighbor
- Share
- Cornet's master
- Create
- Evil one
- Royal ("Short Shorts" singers)
- Horse prod

DOWN

- Grip
- Lubricant
- Sports org.
- Total: abbr.
- Morning hours: abbr.
- Texas twang
- Large tub
- Satellite's path
- Bert Parks, for many years
- Compass pt.
- Bea, to Prince Charles
- Tokyo tipple
- Schoolboy
- Form an opinion
- Socks for tots
- Took for granted
- Extinct birds
- Gay
- Poet Tate
- They're coming, in "Over There"
- Wife or life beginning
- "I Fugitive..." (2 wds.)
- Abraham, to David
- Sylvester, to Tweety
- West of Brooklyn
- Compactly arranged
- Whit
- Granny Smiths
- "Your Song" singer John
- Come undone
- Disliked violently
- Works by Homer
- TV "friend" played by Marie Wilson
- Need
- Have in one's bonnet (2 wds.)
- Pixie and Dixie, e.g.
- Stanch
- Like a pipsqueak
- Flat pancake (2 wds.)
- Do away with

ANSWERS IN CLASSIFIEDS

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago December 1, 1977

Seven Grayling High School band students became part of a select group of 100 Honors Band Members who will stage a special presentation in early December at the Interlochen Arts Academy near Traverse City. The students earning top awards were seniors Julie Woolmer (Flute) and Tom Whaley (Cornet); juniors Cindy Peltó (French Horn), Carolyn Ayers (Bass Clarinet) and Bob Knepp (Tuba); along with sophomores Jim Kitch (Trombone) and Rose Wolfen (Alto Saxophone).

During a somewhat stormy City Council session Monday night, in what may well be an unprecedented move, the Council voted unanimously to disband the city Police Department, with the exception of Chief Pete Stephan, effective in 75 days. This will leave the city of Grayling void of police protection services unless the County steps in and provides the protective services the city intends to eliminate.

Winners of the turkeys by the Youth Bowling Association were Doris Adkinson, Joyce Ingalls, Ricky Couch and Grace Wagner. The youths who won bowling balls are Dalynn Grant, Ray Ingalls, Mark Fye and Alexia Wagner.

Mr. and Mrs. John Fick celebrated their 45th Wedding Anniversary on Thanksgiving Day with a family dinner at San Sheri. Those in attendance were their daughter Mrs. Shirley Hinterman and three children from Owosso; their son, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Fick and three children from Swartz Creek; and the irson, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fick and family. A lovely decorated cake was a surprise centerpiece, provided by Ruth Fenton.

Winters snowy blast hit for real

during the Thanksgiving Holiday, blanketing the area in "that old white stuff" which promises to be around the next few months ahead. Grayling received eight inches of new snow on November 25th, making the total amount on the ground to be 12 inches.

46 Years Ago December 2, 1954

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Gillis of Grayling are proud parents of a baby girl born November 26th at Mercy Hospital.

A son, Theodore Donald, weighing 7 pounds, 15 ounces, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Don Barber of Greenville. The happy grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Barber of Grayling and Bernice Brimmer of Dowagiac.

Miss Lillian Hill of Dearborn is a new employee at the city offices. She is making her home with the Robert Strongs until the first of the year when she will move into the Wells apartment on Chestnut Street at present occupied by Dr. Robert Hornbecks who are moving to Lewiston.

69 Years Ago December 3, 1931

The following people are on the honor roll: 6th grade, Corinne Burns, Phyllis Parker, Beatrice Peterson and Jerrine Peterson. 5th grade: Audrey Brado, Phyllis Hewitt, Marjory Broadbent, Junior Lovely, Jack Sparkes, Marjory Niederer and Emil Tahvonen.

Byron Randolph was happy Friday when he got his eight point buck at 8:30 after wading the river a number of times.

Mrs. LaVere Cushman enter-

tained a few friends Tuesday evening of last week honoring Mrs. Alfred Hermann of Grand Rapids who was visiting here. The evening was spent playing bridge and a delicious lunch was served by the hostess.

Post Commander Alfred Hanson, Frank Decker and Wilfred Laurant attended installation of officers of the Roscommon Post last evening. The newly elected officers were duly installed, following which a feed was enjoyed. Jess Green is the new post commander of Roscommon post. Mr. Hanson was the installing officer.

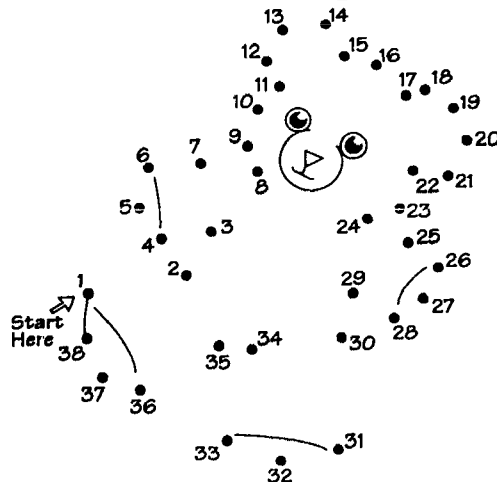
92 Years Ago December 3, 1908

Postmaster Bates has got the deadwood on the careless patrons of the office who invariably leave the door open in the winter. He had put on an air spring, so the door will close itself.

Mrs. Pillsbury resigned her position as matron of the Engineer-men's Club house where she has been employed the last seven years. After a few days rest she will start for her new home in Lansing where her son Laurance is employed.

The fire alarm called out the hosecarts Thursday morning, but fortunately they were not needed as the fire was a burning chimney on Burton's saloon building and was controlled without the aid of the department.

W. Jorgenson started on a business trip to Chicago last Saturday, taking advantage of the rate given by the Q.T. to the great live stock show.



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BELT DISTRIBUTOR OIL PAN
CAM EXHAUST PISTON
CRANKCASE FAN VALVE

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L B H G E S F V T P A
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WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Date	H	L	Precip.
11/21	32	15	.17
11/22	23	16	.14
11/23	22	16	.03
11/24	26	17	
11/25	38	15	
11/26	42	16	.12
11/27	38	33	.22
11/28	36	30	T

Extended Forecast

(Courtesy of the U.S. Excite Weather)

Wednesday - Chilly with Overcast. High 36, Low 22.

Thursday - Cold with Overcast. High 32, Low 22.

Friday - Cold with Overcast. Snow showers. High 31, Low 21.

Saturday - Cold and Cloudy, with light snow. High 31, Low 21.

C ADVERTISING CLASSIFIED

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Display Advertising Rate - \$6.00 per column inch
Deadline for Display Classifieds - 12 noon, Monday
Classified by the word rate - \$4.20 for 15 words or
less, 10¢ per each additional word; includes Internet listing:
www.townnews.com/avalanche/
Classified by the word deadline - 12 noon, Tuesday

1. Real Estate

BEAUTIFULLY WOODED BUILDING SITE near Frederic. Private access to the AuSable River. Priced to sell at \$6,000. Call Katy Ross - Re-Max, Gaylord. 517-732-2999. (-9-16-22-30/1)

NICE FOUR BEDROOM Two bath home off Stephan Bridge Rd. Jacuzzi in master bedroom. 2 1/2 acres, owner relocated. \$79,900, reduced \$76,500. Phone or fax Hamrick Real Estate Co., P.C. 517-348-5433; evenings 517-348-8336. (11/30/00tf/1)

HOME FOR SALE Four bedroom, two bath, attached garage. 4912 Dawn Drive. \$89,000. 616-458-8038. (-16-22-30-7/1)

FOR SALE BY OWNER Two bedroom mobile home, great condition, located between Waters and Frederic. \$29,000. Call after 6 p.m. or weekends 517-348-1893. (-30-7-14-21/1)

GRAYLING HOME Three bedroom, two car garage. Newly remodeled, nice neighborhood, large lot. Price reduced to \$72,900. 517-732-6152. (-22-30-7-14/1)

GOLF COURSE BUILDING LOTS for sale. Lifetime golf and ski memberships included. All lots are one to two acres. \$29,000 to \$49,000. Skyline Ski and Country Club. 517-275-5445 (4/20/00tf/1)

1. Real Estate

COMMERCIAL BUILDING for sale or lease in Grayling on north I-75 Business Loop. 3,600 sq. ft. office and warehouse space. Natural gas. Single phase electric. Ask for Jerry. 517-275-5445. (10/26/00tf/1)

MANY NORTHERN MICHIGAN PROPERTIES www.century21grayling.com (1/7/99tf/1)

2. For Rent

MAKE ARBOR COURT APARTMENTS your new home. Large two bedroom apartments. Maximum income level of \$18,900 for two person household. Rent based on 30% of gross monthly income. Barrier free unit available. Call Sande 517-366-4475 or Mary Ann 888-576-6468 for more information. Equal Housing Opportunity. (9/16/99tf/2)

CHALET ON 10 ACRES Beaver Creek Township, one year lease preferred. \$650 per month plus security deposit and utilities. 517-348-2301 or 517-348-8151. (10/26/00tf/2)

OFFICE SPACE AVAILABLE Five room office suite with restroom. Located on M-72 West. Call 517-348-5474, ask for Randy Thompson. (9/14/00tf/2)

2. For Rent

TWO BEDROOM MOBILE HOME No pets, references, deposit. \$350 month. 517-879-4974. (-30-7/2)

OFFICE SPACE Behind Coldwell Banker Cornell Realty. \$550 a month. Call Ron at 517-348-6761, or Laurie at 517-348-6481. (10/12/00tf/2)

TWO BEDROOM MOBILE HOME for rent. Inquire 517-348-7893 evenings. (10/12/00tf/2)

CABIN FOR RENT AuSable River. Sleeps four, call 517-348-8350. (4/20/00tf/2)

APARTMENTS FOR RENT Village of Roscommon (duplex) (2) two bedroom with one car garages at \$550 month; (Tri-plex) (2) two bedroom at \$475 per month, (1) one bedroom at \$375 per month plus security deposit. Does not include utilities. Includes snow removal and mowing. All five units are available December 1st. Call M-F, 9-5, 517-275-5112 (ask for Greg). (-30-7-14-21-28-4/2)

OFFICE SPACE FOR RENT - Roscommon. 517-821-3434. (-26-2-9-16-22-30/2)

REMOTE ONE BEDROOM HOUSE Utilities included, no pets or children. \$325. References required. Call 517-348-8130. (-30/2)

2. For Rent

NICE, CLEAN TWO BEDROOM mobile with washer/dryer and appliances. Natural gas, cable available. \$400 plus deposit. 517-348-2418. No pets. (-30/2)

TWO VERY CLEAN older two bedroom mobile homes. Both have newer paint and carpet. Wooded setting at 11004 and 11006 N. Old US 27, two miles south of Waters. \$450 each plus utilities, no pets. Call toll free 877-227-6976 or weekends 231-526-5211. (11/9/00tf/2)

HOUSE FOR RENT in Grayling area. Three bedroom, full basement. \$525 month. First and security. Call 906-643-8387. (-30/2)

TWO BEDROOM APARTMENT No smoking, no pets. \$475 month plus. 517-348-4840. (-9-16/2)

LAKE MARGRETHE ACCESS Three bedroom, two bath, 2 1/2 car garage, furnished, no pets; security deposit. \$600 per month. 517-348-1652. (-30-7-14/2)

GRAYLING Two bedroom, 1 1/2 baths, three story luxury apartment. Private deck, garage, storage, washer, dryer. No pets, no smoking please. \$600 plus security deposit. Year lease. 517-344-9070. (-2-9-16-22-30/2)

3. Employment

WORK FROM HOME! FT/PT. Anyone can do this! Get the facts. www.NoCommute.pays2ask.com Toll-free 1-866-365-0115. (-30-7/3)

ROUTE TRAINEE Immediate opening. Tired of your dead end job? Career oriented individual wanted for family owned company with large corporation support. Previous route or sales experience a plus. We hire for attitude, skills can be taught. Excellent pay and benefit package for the right person. 30k guaranteed first year. Drug screen required. Please apply in person at Arrow Uniform, 1194 S. I-75 Business Loop, Grayling, MI. No Phone Calls Please! (-30/3)

BIG BUCK Brewery & Steakhouse is hiring for all positions. We offer excellent wages with benefits and year around employment. Apply Mon.-Fri., 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. 550 S. Wisconsin, Gaylord. (8/3/00tf/3)

1. Real Estate

CONTRACT FUNDING GROUP!

Are you receiving payments from a Land Contract?

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1-888-332-3488

3. Employment

COMPUTER/INTERNET PEOPLE WANTED! Work-From-Home. Mail-order/E-Commerce. \$1,500-\$2,500/mo PT - \$3,000-\$7,200/mo FT. Free Information. 414-290-9508. www.4uraise.com. (-22-30-7/3)

1. Real Estate

Connie Winans

Attractive 2 bedroom home has many updates: like oak kitchen cabinets, new 1,200 gallon septic, well pump new 1994 vinyl siding and new garage. Back deck has built in benches. Cute-as-can-be, must see! #4502 \$51,900 Ask for Connie Winans!

Century 21

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GRA IS HIRING a Receptionist to work Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays this Winter at Hanson Hills. If interested send resume to GRA, P.O. Box 361, Grayling, MI 49738 or fill out an application in the office of the Main Lodge at Hanson Hills. (-30/3)

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Gaylord, Michigan 49734

3. Employment

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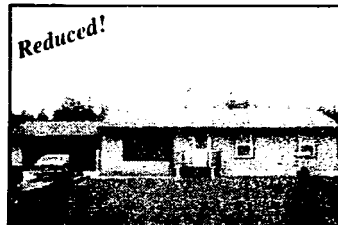
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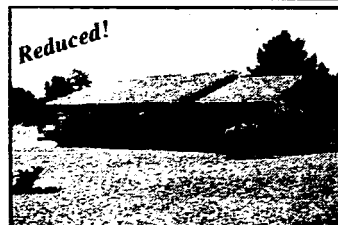
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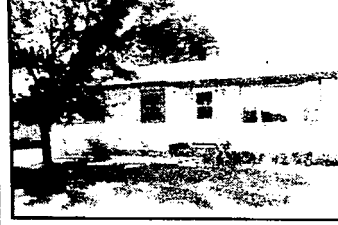
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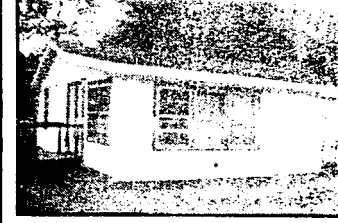
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The Grayling Police Department is taking applications from qualified applicants for the position of police patrolman. Qualifications include: Michigan residency, M.C.O.L.E.S. certification, successful completion of background investigation and pre-employment physical examination including drug and alcohol screening. **Applications may be obtained by submitting a written letter of request and a resume to the City of Grayling Police Department, P.O. Box 549, Grayling, MI 49738, Attn: Chief of Police.** Applications will be taken until the position is filled. The City of Grayling is an equal opportunity employer.
Karl A. Schreiner, Chief of Police

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Court officer may also be responsible for serving civil process and other ancillary duties of the Sheriff's Office.
Please send resume to Crawford County Sheriff's Office, Attn: Sheri Lovely, 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738.
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3. Employment

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7. Miscellaneous

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8. Announcements

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DRIVER'S TRAINING and Road Testing is offered by the Grayling Driver's Training School. Register now for the January 8, 2001 class. Contact Howard Lehti 517-348-8838. (LR12/21/00/8)

8. Announcements

SOUP/SANDWICH/SALAD/DESSERT luncheon. Thursday, December 7 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. \$4.50 per person. Take out available. Everyone welcome. Michelson United Methodist Church on Michigan Avenue. (-30/8)

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ANIMAL SHELTER DIRECTOR

The Animal Shelter of Crawford County (ASCC) is seeking applicants for the position of Animal Shelter Director, to begin on January 1, 2001. The shelter's board of directors is looking for a caring, enthusiastic, energetic, and organized person who loves working with people and animals and who is willing to accept both the challenges and rewards inherent in this vital position. Duties will include managing all daily animal shelter operations and working with the board toward the establishment of a new shelter in Crawford County. Resumes may be sent to: Animal Shelter of Crawford County, P.O. Box 384, Grayling, MI 49738. They should be submitted by December 2. The Animal Shelter of Crawford County - a private, non-profit corporation - shelters, cares for, and provides adoption/locator services for homeless pets. For a copy of the detailed job description, call Joe Porter, ASCC president, at 348-9012.

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9. Personals



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11. Automotive

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11. Automotive

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11. Automotive

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